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Abbotsford's Torch Relay Route Announced

Abbotsford, January 28, 2010 – VANOC has officially announced the Torch Relay route in Abbotsford. The torch will be in Abbotsford on February 7, 2010.

“We are extremely excited to see the official torch route for Abbotsford,” said Councillor Lynne Harris, Chair of the Torch Relay Community Task Force. “The day is approaching fast, and we are eagerly awaiting day 101 of the Torch Relay as it travels through our community. We urge all citizens to cheer the torch along the route on February 7.”

The Torch will arrive in Abbotsford at Whatcom Road at approximately 4:00 pm. The relay will then proceed west towards the Abbotsford Recreation Centre on Old Yale Road. The torch will then proceed west towards the city centre arriving at Rotary Stadium- Exhibition Park at approximately 7:00pm.

The Abbotsford Torch Route announced by VANOC will have some minor changes to the route due to construction in Abbotsford. The Torch Route will no longer be going from Old Yale Road to Marshall Road, but will be diverted to Delair Road and Everett Road.

The Celebration at Exhibition Park will be an event to remember, with local entertainment and Olympic-themed fun for the whole family. The Celebration at Exhibition Park begins at 5:45 pm. Residents can show their support for local athletes by wearing red and white and are encouraged to line the streets to cheer on the torch runners.

Abbotsford is also hosting two Olympic teams and there are many opportunities for the public to come view the athletes in action. All of the other pre-Olympic events in Abbotsford can be viewed at www.abbotsford.ca/2010 or www.abbylivesite.ca.

Please continue to visit the VANOC interactive community torch route map for up to date route information.

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/more-2010-information/olympic-torch-relay/olympic-torch-relay-interactive-map/>

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