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Dan Carter named Vancouver 2010 final community torchbearer for Oshawa

Olympic Flame to arrive in six weeks on December 16

OSHAWA, ONTARIO – When the Olympic Flame arrives in Oshawa in just six weeks time, it will be proudly carried by Dan Carter who has been selected as the City's final community torchbearer to light the celebration cauldron for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

Dan Carter – author, international speaker, television producer and host – has lived a life that could be best described as inspirational. His life has been one of great courage that included overcoming a 20 year addiction to drugs and alcohol. Dan has been recognized by the United Way, Chambers of Commerce, Her Majesty the Queen and recently by the current Chief of the Defence Staff of the Canadian Forces. He has been honoured with the Courage to Come Back Award from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. His work to bring awareness to mental health issues has been promoted through all major newspaper, magazine and radio outlets across Canada. His latest endeavours include the funding of The Hope Centre of Learning and the creation of the Day of Hope and Leadership.

"We're pleased to announce Dan Carter as Oshawa's torchbearer for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games," said Oshawa Mayor John Gray. "Dan is one of 12,000 Canadians chosen to carry the Olympic Flame on the longest torch relay in Olympic history."

"To be selected as the City's final torchbearer is one of the greatest honours I have ever received. I am so proud of the City of Oshawa and to be included in this historical event will impact me for the rest of my life. Thank you to the City of Oshawa – I am humbled by this opportunity," said Dan Carter.

To celebrate the arrival of the flame, Oshawa is holding a community celebration on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 from 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm. This free, fun, outdoor Olympic community event will take place adjacent to the General Motors Centre (on the north side of the building) on Athol Street, between Mary and Charles Streets.

During Oshawa's celebration, Dan Carter will carry the Olympic Torch on its final 300 metres up to the stage where he will light the 1.3-metre high celebration cauldron, symbolizing what will occur during the Opening Ceremony at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The celebration will include local entertainment and fan interactive displays from Coca-Cola and RBC.

Community partners that have been working together to coordinate the community celebration include: Canadian Heritage, Channel 12, Coca-Cola, Conseil des Organismes Francophones de la Région de Durham, Downtown Board of Management, Durham Catholic District School

Board, Durham District School Board, Durham Radio (CKDO, KX 96, The Rock), Durham Tourism, General Motors Centre, OCCNA (Oshawa Central Council of Neighbourhood Associations), Ontario Ministry of Health Promotions – Sports and Recreation Branch, Oshawa Express, Oshawa Folk Arts Council, Oshawa Girl Guides, Oshawa Métis Council, Oshawa Public Libraries, Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres, Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, Oshawa This Week, RBC and Rogers TV.

The 106-day Olympic Torch Relay, which is presented by Coca-Cola and RBC and supported by the Government of Canada, will visit more than 1,030 communities and places of interest in every province and territory. On February 12, 2010, the Olympic Flame will make its way to downtown Vancouver to light the Olympic Cauldron in a magical and awe-inspiring moment before a television audience of 3 billion people worldwide, signaling the start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

For more information on the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, visit www.vancouver2010.com/torchrelay. For more information about Oshawa's community celebration event and to join the Oshawa Torch Relay Facebook Fan Page visit www.oshawa.ca/torch.asp.

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