Olympic Flame to arrive in
Penticton, BC on January 25th

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Penticton, BC – The Olympic Flame will arrive in Penticton in just 15 days time, and as an Olympic Torch Celebrations community – the City of Penticton will be bustling with activity.

To celebrate the arrival of the flame, the community is planning an exciting 4-hour event which will feature and highlight the connections between sport, culture, heritage, and the arts. The celebrations at the South Okanagan Events Centre will officially start at 12noon with live entertainment on the VANOC stage. The best of the best in the local area have been invited to show us what they have and to get the crowd excited for the Flame’s arrival.

The line up of entertainers include: The En'owkinwixw Inter-tribal Cheering Squad, Scoil Rince Irish Dancers with FiddleKids Music Group, Quax Tai (Cindi), Filipino Dance Group, Banghra Dance Group, Bobby Bovenzi’s Nankama African Drum and Dance Group, PLUS the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, Okanagan Dance Studios, Gordie Mac, Get Bent Belly Dancers, Jake Evans Hip Hop Group, Chasing Red Lights, The Pasties and Absolute.

The National Anthem will be sung acapella by 8-year-old Mariah Gauthier of Summerland.

About an hour into the four-hour celebration program, Penticton’s own local Susie Welch will carry the Olympic Torch on its final 300 metres to the stage where she will light the 1.3-metre high celebration cauldron, in a move similar to the dramatic highlight of what will occur during the Opening Ceremony for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Winter sports will be profiled with exciting freestyle skiing demonstrations, curling demonstrations, hockey activities by the Mini Vees and the UpperDek Vees plus skating performances by the Glengarry Skating Club inside the South Okanagan Events Centre.

The event will be host to local Master of Ceremonies Steve King and Dennis Dumas-Walker. Get excited about the arrival of the Flame to Penticton, dress up in RED and come out and join us in the celebrations on Monday January 25th from 12noon to 4:00 pm at the South Okanagan Events Centre.

About the Olympic Torch Relay
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 three billion people worldwide, signaling the kick off to the start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

For more information on the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, visit www.vancouver2010.com/torchrelay.

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