



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **WELLAND CHOSEN HOST CITY FOR 2010 OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

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**Welland** – The City of Welland is one of 200 communities from across Canada to be chosen a host city for the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

An ecstatic Mayor Goulbourne made the official announcement today to invited guests and media representatives. “This is a significant honour for the City,” stated Goulbourne. “As a host city, we will receive national and international exposure as the Olympic Torch makes its way across the country en route to Vancouver, British Columbia. This sort of thing only happens once in a lifetime and I hope it will be an inspiring and memorable moment for our young people.”

Accompanied by representatives of the Niagara Regional Metis Council, the Mayor also announced the creation of a Task Force, to be chaired by Mike Seguin, 2009 President of Club Richelieu, to plan the torch relay event. Other members from the community will be invited to join Monsieur Seguin in this endeavour.

Today’s festivities also included the announcement of a contest for local school children to design a banner of “What the Olympics Mean to Them.” More details on the contest will be unveiled in the near future.

Following the Mayor’s announcement, a welcome video from the Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC) was played for guests and then school children from Empire School, sporting Olympic Torches they had made that day, escorted Mayor Goulbourne to the front of Civic Square as he hoisted the Olympic flag.

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