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MEDIA RELEASE

Municipality of West Grey Participating in 2010 Olympic Torch Relay

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Residents of the Municipality of West Grey anxious to catch the Olympic Spirit will have the opportunity to see the Olympic Flame in person on December 28, 2009 as it passes through on its way towards the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The Municipality of West Grey's Durham community (former Town of Durham) has been selected as a stop along the national relay route. Bringing the Olympic Flame through West Grey is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for West Grey residents to share the Olympic spirit first hand.

"This is one of those opportunities that will be the answer to that local trivia question: Where were you when Paul Henderson scored? Or where were you when the torch went through Durham?" said Mayor Kevin Eccles. "The opportunity will be there, don't let it slip by without being apart of it. That is my challenge to everyone in Canada but especially West Grey residents. Let's show Ontario, Canada, the world our support and sprit of this once in lifetime event," said Mayor Eccles.

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will begin its 106-day Canadian journey on October 30, 2009. The Flame's pan-Canadian journey will culminate on February 12, 2010 when it arrives in Vancouver for the Opening Ceremony before a global viewing audience of billions.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay route will be the longest domestic Torch Relay in Olympic history, stretching over 45,000 kilometres throughout Canada. Upon its conclusion, the Olympic Flame will have been welcomed in over 1,000 communities and passed within a one-hour of more than 90 per cent of the entire Canadian population.

The Government of Canada is a proud supporter of the Olympic Torch Relay helping to bring the Olympic Flame to as many Canadians as possible.

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, presented by Coca-Cola and RBC, will reach over 90 per cent of Canadians within a one-hour drive. The torch relay route is available at vancouver2010.com and information on how residents can apply to be torchbearers can be found at icoke.ca and rbc.com/carrythetorch.

Residents interested in applying for an opportunity to carry the Olympic Flame can apply at iCoke.ca or rbc.com/carrythetorch. Coca-Cola and RBC, the relay's presenting partners, have the exclusive rights for the public to enter the Olympic Torchbearer program and are looking for Canadian applicants who commit to live healthier or are inspired to create a stronger country by volunteering or making sustainable choices. There will be several opportunities to apply for torchbearer spots beginning on November 21, 2008.

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About VANOC

VANOC is responsible for the planning, organizing, financing and staging of the XXI Olympic Winter Games and the X Paralympic Winter Games in 2010. The 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 to 28, 2010. Vancouver and Whistler will host the Paralympic Winter Games from March 12 to 21, 2010. Visit vancouver2010.com for further details on programs and schedules.

About West Grey

The Municipality of West Grey located in Southwestern Ontario, is an amalgamated municipality, consisting of the former Townships of Bentinck, Glenelg and Normanby, the former Village of Neustadt, and the former Town of Durham. West Grey has a population of approximately 12,000. West Grey is within one-and-a-half to two hours of Highways 400 & 401, and within a half hour of commercial harbour facilities in the City of Owen Sound. The Right Honourable John Diefenbaker, Canada's 13th Prime Minister was born in our former Village of Neustadt.

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