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Olympic Torch Relay Planning is Underway

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO: The Olympic Torch Relay Community Task Force is in place and hard at work planning out events and activities leading up to the Olympic flame arrival December 30th, 2009.

The committee is pleased to announce that École Secondaire Catholique Algonquin themed their annual snow sculpture competition to incorporate the Olympic Spirit. The annual snow sculpture competition is a popular part of Le Carnaval des Compagnons which kicked off February 6th, 2009. Students and teachers spent last Friday sculpting the snow to depict their ideas of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and the Olympic Torch Relay. These five masterpieces can be seen at the corner of Algonquin and Jane.

The Community Task Force is encouraging all residents of North Bay and surrounding areas to get involved any way they can. "We would love to see all events taking place in 2009 try to add a bit of the Olympic Spirit into their activities to increase awareness and buildup to the arrival of the flame" stated Erin Vaughan, Community Event Facilitator. The Community Task Force will be working with various groups and organizations to promote the Olympic Torch Relay through fun and interesting ways.

Jamie Houston, Chair of the Community Task Force, reminds residents to apply online at icoke.ca or rbc.com/carrythetorch for the opportunity to be an Olympic torchbearer. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for residents to have the honour of carrying the Olympic Flame", stated Houston.

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