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**David Gilday named Vancouver 2010 community torchbearer for Yellowknife
Olympic Flame to arrive in Yellowknife on November 5, 2009**

Yellowknife – When the Olympic Flame arrives in Yellowknife in just 30 days time, it will be proudly carried by David Gilday, nominated as our community torchbearer to light the celebration cauldron for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

“We’re pleased to announce David Gilday as Yellowknife’s torchbearer for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games,” said Gordon Van Tighem, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for David, who is one of 12,000 Canadians chosen to carry the Olympic Flame on the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history! Dave is an active volunteer in our community who encourages living a healthy lifestyle and providing a helping hand when needed. He’s a fine role model in our community, and we’re proud to have him as our final torchbearer to light the Olympic cauldron here in Yellowknife.”

As the torchbearers carry the torch through Yellowknife on November 5th, the City invites all residents to come out and cheer on the torchbearers. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of November 5th, there will be a Community Celebration in the Somba K’e Civic Plaza, overlooking Frame Lake beside City Hall. The Community Celebration will feature local entertainment, a chance to have your picture taken with the torch and of course the completion of the Torch Relay and lighting of the cauldron by David Gilday. Come out and be part of this exciting event, and celebrate the spirit of the Olympic Games!

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, signalling the kick off of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

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

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 www.vancouver2010.com.

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