



Torch Relay Website Content Page Tool

Please fill out the following information about your Torch Relay event. This information can be done in point form.

Part 1: Overview

Community Name: Iqaluit, Capital Cities Celebration

Mode(s)Transportation prior to event: The Torch arrived from the community of Cape Dorset by Air Freight.

Distance Transported:

Torch Carriers: The Torch route was divided into ten segments with efforts made to utilize members of the community that had a variety of connections to the 2007 Canada Winter Games and/or previous sport and multi-sport games involvement. In certain instances, a segment was carried by two individuals.

Mr. Jim Antoine, former Premier of the Northwest Territories and currently the Pan North Ambassador to the 2007 Canada Winter Games joined the Iqaluit Capital Cities Celebration and offered his remarks regarding the upcoming Games.

The last Torch carriers would light a cauldron with the Host Society logo.

1. Michael Uniuqsaraq (the future) and Ross Bennett (elder) – Michael a ten year old just returned from Ottawa where he represented the City of Iqaluit in the Bell Canada Cup, the nation's largest hockey tournament. Michael represented the future of sport whilst his grandfather a well-known local sport supporter represented the elders of our city. Together, they encompassed the wide range of ages that the "Games" can provide benefits and involvement for all ages.
2. Mathew Nuquguak and Rueban Komanapik – both will attend the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the Pan North Visual Arts Program.
3. Wendy Bens – a former Canada Games athlete in the 1997 Canada Summer Games in Brandon, Manitoba. Wendy was team captain on Team NWT's first time entry in the Women's Soccer competition. Wendy is still involved in the Iqaluit Soccer scene and is an inspiration to many young girls involved in sport in Iqaluit.

4. Honourable Ed Picco – Minister of Education and one of Iqaluit’s three MLA’s.
5. Denise Hutchings and Stephanie Matthews - Both will attend the 2007 Canada Winter Games, Team Nunavut as part of the Women’s Curling Team. Their representation in the Torch Relay is on behalf of the young athletes of Nunavut and their Coaches that support our athlete and technical development programs.
6. Alemie Pillaqtuak – Was recently named as “Iqaluit’s Youth Volunteer of the Year”. Alemie will attend the 2007 Canada Winter Games as part of the Pan North Youth Ambassador Program.
7. RCMP, Cst. Mark Thompson and Cst. Ed Shorey – The RCMP have been involved in all Canada Games Torch Relay events throughout Nunavut. They have been a partner in this endeavor and have been a community supporter in many sport and recreation initiatives throughout the territory.
8. MLA Hunter Tootoo – The second of Nunavut’s three MLA’s to take part in this event. Hunter and his family can be seen as part of the Nunavut sport scene in many Iqaluit sporting events.
9. Judo Competitors; Eugene Dedderick and Zachary Green - This is the first time entry for Nunavut Judo in the Canada Winter Games. These athletes represented the growth of Nunavut sport and showcased the future as Nunavummiut move towards a bigger role in involvement in competitive sport.
10. Mayor Elisapee Sheutiapik and Premier Paul Okalik – As part of the Capital Cities Celebration it was only fitting that the last leg of this event be carried out by two of Iqaluit’s most prominent residents.

Part 2: Event Description

Speakers:

MC – Hannah Uniuqsaraq – Former AWG athlete and currently a strong Nunavut and Iqaluit supporter and advocate for youth sport and physical activity acted as the MC and translator for this event. Hannah is a vibrant and easily identifiable bi-lingual community spokesperson.

Premier Paul Okalik – On behalf of the Government of Nunavut offered his thanks to the Host Society, City and participants that have made the Torch Relay events throughout Nunavut a huge success. He presented each participant in the

Torch Relay with a certificate. In closing he presented the Mayor with a banner recognizing the hosting of a Canada Games Torch Relay event.

MLA Hunter Tootoo – representing Minister Louis Tapardjuk unveiled the 2007 Canada Winter Games Team Nunavut Walk-out Clothing and Team Nunavut pins. Games gear was modeled by Judo athletes; Eugene Dedderick and Zachary Green.

Minister Ed Picco - on behalf of Minister David Simailak presented a pair of sealskin mitts to Stephanie Matthews from the ladies curling team. The mitts were accepted by Stephanie on behalf of all athletes and coaches that will attend the Canada Games.

All spectators were invited to view and have photographs taken with the torch.

Hot chocolate, juice and bannock was available for all those that attended the Iqaluit Capital Cities Celebration.

Part 3: Photos (attached)