



## Media Release

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### **Torch Relay sets out on an impressive challenge to the Kaskawulsh Glacier.**

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Whitehorse, YT – The 2007 Canada Games Torch Relay began another exciting journey in the north today. It will accompany park wardens on their annual training expedition to the Kaskawulsh Glacier in Kluane National Park. The expedition began in Water Pass, just south east of Mt. Logan.

This is the second of five planned challenges. The first challenge saw the torch carried from Tuktoyaktuk to Inuvik by Aurora College students. The next challenge plans to take the Torch on a raft down Firth River in Nahanni National Park. The torch will meet up with the Artists in the Park program at Sheep Mountain.

“The Torch Relay program is a really exciting way to lead up to the Canada Games,” explain Piers McDonald, President 2007 Canada Winter Games Host Society. “We are happy to be able to bring an element of the Games to every community in the North. It’s a great way of spread the excitement of this amazing event.”

The 2007 Canada Games Torch Relay was launch in Ottawa on April 8<sup>th</sup>. It then traveled from the nation’s capital to the most northerly inhabited community in the world, Alert in Nunavut. The Relay program consists of three torches, one in each territory, traveling to all 83 communities in the north. The three torches will reunite in Whitehorse, YT for the opening ceremonies of the Canada Games in February 2007.

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Interviews with participating wardens can be arranged.

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