# THE TORCH STOPS HERE! Join Markham's Olympic Torch Relay Celebration

## Thursday December 17, 2009 Markham Civic Centre



### Pre Event Schedule

#### Flag Raising and Media Launch

Date: November 18 @ 10:00 am

Location: Civic Centre

Event will include entertainment

#### **VANOC Staff arrive in Markham**

Date: December 14

Location: Civic Centre

Event : Site inspections

Date: December 15

Location: Canada Room

Event: Media Briefing – coordinated by VANOC

Date: December 16

Location: Civic Centre

**Event: Review Run of Show** 



### **Event Schedule**

Time	Event	Location
8:30am – 10:00am	Citizenship Court	Council Chambers
9:30am -10:00am	Community Parade	Starts at Clegg Road
10:00am -11:15am	Fan fare to start show which will include: Community entertainment: Community dance production; Justin Hines;Leahy; Entertainment by RBC and Coca Cola torch relay sponsors;	VANOC Stage
11:15am	Torch Arrives	Route of the Torch through Markham to be announced 2 weeks prior to December 17
11:15 – 12:30pm	Official ceremonies with greetings from the federal, provincial representatives and Mayor Scarpitti plus entertainment	VANOC stage
12:30pm – 1:00 pm	Featured Performer – Suzie McNeil	VANOC stage

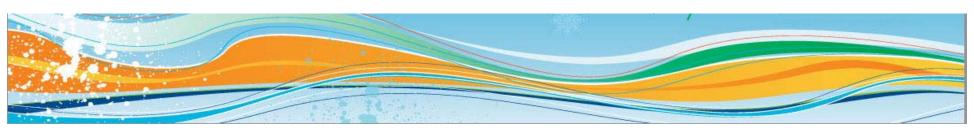
### Community Engagement

Who's been invited to participate:

- Cultural groups
- Local Sport Groups
- Schools
- Seniors clubs
- Local Businesses

Own the Podium Municipal Challenge – fundraising program for our Olympic Athletes





### **Torch Route**

- Route to be announced two weeks prior to December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Main Torch Bearer to be announced at that time
- Torch Route will be lead by the two lead sponsors RBC and Coca Cola
- RCMP guide the route through Markham and into the Civic Centre



### **Event Site - Logistics**

- Consist of two stages Main Stage provided by VANOC and second Stage provided by Markham
- RBC and Coca Cola will have interactive activities for the attendees
- Steering Committee organizing additional activities for the School children to augment RBC and Coca Cola
- Extra washrooms will be available
- York Region Police will assist with road closures and security
- Alternative Parking has been arranged for staff
- Concessions will be available
- Designated seating and area for persons with disabilities
- York Region Police will be providing a warming bus



### Communications

 Promotions of the event began at the Milliken Children's festival

#### **October**

- advertisements have been placed in the local newspaper
- Street-side recycling bins
- Stand up Banners
- Trade show exhibit
- Markham website

#### **November**

Additional promotions will begin
Which include various cultural papers
and magazines
Street post banners

Overall 1.2 m basic media impressions







# Task Force Chair – Mayor Frank Scarpitti

#### **Community Partners**

Greg Armstrong - Coca Cola

Maria Bosnjak – Royal Bank

Jobson Easow – Race Relations Committee

Ben Leung – United Way

Melanie Moffatt – YRP

Celeste Pellecionne – Markham Arst Council

Fabio Pozzobon – Coca Cola

Robertson Rouse - YRP

Lorne Smith – Town Historian

Richard Cunnigham – Markham Board of Trade

Cathy Salvo - Markham Sport Council

Judi McIntrye - Markham Sport Council

Kitty Bavington – Clerks – Committee support

#### **Staff**

Janet Carnegie – Communications

Anna Rose – Communications

Dennis Flaherty – Communication

Eric Lariviere = Theatre Manager

John Ryerson – Director of Culture

Warren Rupnarain – Accessibility Coordinator

Bill Snowball - Fire Chief

Bob Walters - Operations

Susan Stiles – Recreation

Jason Tsien – Recreation

Lori Wells – Recreation – Project Manager



THANK YOU AND SEE YOU ON DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> WELCOMING THE OLYMPIC TORCH TO MARKHAM