



Powassan Announces Community Torchbearer for Pan Am Games Torch Relay

POWASSAN April 1, 2015 – The Municipality of Powassan is proud to announce Kevin Topham as the Powassan community torchbearer for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay, presented by President's Choice® and OLG.

The torch relay will visit the Municipality of Powassan on June 3, 2015 and will feature Kevin Topham as the community torchbearer. Kevin, a life-long resident and volunteer, was the unanimous choice of the Recreation Committee, when asked to select a local representative.

“Kevin Topham will proudly carry the Pan Am flame as Powassan’s community torchbearer,” said Peter McIsaac, Mayor of the Municipality of Powassan. “There is no better ambassador for our Municipality than Kevin, and Powassan is excited to be a part of this historic journey. We look forward to showing our community to the world.”

During the 41-day torch relay, each of the 3,000 torchbearers will complete, on average, a 200-metre relay segment. The torch will be carried by more than 60 modes of transportation and exceed 5,000 kilometres on the road and 15,000 kilometres by air.

“The torch is a unique symbol of the Pan Am Games and carries a powerful energy that will unite Canadians,” said Saäd Rafi, chief executive officer, TO2015. “The torchbearers will proudly carry the flame through more than 130 communities, igniting the Pan Am spirit as they go.”

Featured on the torch are the United We Play! pictograms — colourful depictions of people in motion — symbolizing the assembly of athletes through the celebration of sport and culture. The aluminum torch stands 65 centimetres high and weighs 1.2 kilograms (or roughly the same weight as a baseball bat). With a burn time of 10 to 12 minutes, the flame can withstand winds of up to 70 kilometres per hour and is visible in all kinds of weather conditions.

About the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay

The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay, presented by President's Choice® and OLG, is supported by community partner CIBC and signature supporters Star Media Group and Metroland





Media, Ontario Trillium Foundation and Porter Airlines. The torch relay will invite Canadians to celebrate and share the Pan Am spirit throughout its 41-day journey towards Toronto, the Host City of the Games.

The torch relay starts May 30, 2015, and concludes July 10, 2015, with the dramatic lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony in downtown Toronto.

The TORONTO 2015 Games are funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, as well as Lead Partner CIBC and other partners and sponsors.

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