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Government of Canada Celebrates the Torch Relay with the community of Prince Edward County

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Picton, ON - On behalf of the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of State (Sport), Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings today celebrated the arrival of the Olympic Flame in Prince Edward County as part of the Olympic Torch Relay's journey across our country.

"Our government is very proud to be part of this wonderful adventure", said Mr. Kramp. "We are making sure that the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are truly Canada's Games."

The Canadian Government has invested \$22.5 million to ensure that communities throughout our country join in the excitement and thrill of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

The events and activities organized by each celebration community highlight Canadian pride in our athletes, culture, and country. Canadians from coast to coast to coast have the unique opportunity to take part in an unforgettable Olympic experience and celebrate the talent and dedication of our Canadian athletes as they own the podium in 2010. \$15,000 has been provided to Picton. Each celebration community is different and offers unique opportunities for all Canadians to welcome the Olympic Flame.

At the end of its journey, the flame will arrive in Vancouver on February 12, 2010 for the Opening Ceremony signalling the start of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The flame burns for the entire duration of the Games and is extinguished during the Closing Ceremony on February 28, 2010.

Mr. Kramp presented to the municipality of Prince Edward County, a commemorative plaque for welcoming the Olympic Flame in their community. The plaque symbolizes the legacy that will endure in communities long after the flame is extinguished.

For more information on our Government's support for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay or the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, visit www.Canada2010.gc.ca.