



February 5, 2010

Langley's International Festival Society is a registered non-profit society celebrates diversity in our community and beyond. We are delighted to be working with the City of Langley and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to 'welcome' the World to Langley with respect to the Olympic Torch coming to Langley City between 2:00 - 2:30 on Monday, February 8th. We have over forty International Flags that we have in our inventory and have offered them to the City of Langley. We have asked ethnic community members to join us in the 'hype' of welcoming the Olympic Torch by holding and waving their country of ethnicity and/or heritage to become part of a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity.

Everyone is getting excited about the Olympics with only a few days away from the official Opening Ceremonies - Langley is 'blessed' to be one of the selected communities to have the torch coming to Langley and our society would like to do our part. The Olympics is such an important event for both athletes and spectators. This international event is a reminder how 'sports' plays a significant positive and peaceful role and a huge contribution between people of all nationalities, ethnicities, genders, etc. The Olympics is valued in building friendship and fellowship between people of all nations and our society as a whole. This is a exceptional opportunity for BC to showcase to the world what a wonderful and beautiful province we live in.

Quote from Shar. . . Dubas - Executive Director for Langley's International Festival Society. "This is a 'historical' event and we are honoured and thrilled to be a 'small' part of it.

Quote from MARIA HILLMER, Director of Performing Artists:

"I FELT HONOURED TO BE PART OF THIS GREAT CELEBRATION...THE WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES, IS FANTASTIC TO SEE THAT ATHLETES THAT COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO SHARE THE TALENTS. THE OLYMPIC GAMES, ARE NOT ONLY FOR COMPETITION, IT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER."

"I'm excited about the growth of the Langley International Festival and am proud there is a venue to celebrate the amazing diversity in Canada and our own city/township." Quote from Bill Sandhu, Branch Manager - Prospera Credit Union and Director for Sponsorship/Fundraising on Langley's International Festival Society.

Langley's International Festival Society will be an inaugural part of the Olympic ceremonies in Langley City when the torch arrives. We will be on stage with Mayor Fassbender and other dignitaries to hold and wave the International flags from various countries and invite the community to join us and represent their country of origin and/or join us on stage to wave a flag of their choice. See below the countries that are represented and the ones that still need to be represented. There is no age limit to

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flag bearers. The stage will be located between City Hall and Timms Centre. We are inviting and asking the community at large if you would like to join us and be a flag bearer, please call Shar. . . at 604-530-4661 or e-mail to info@internationalfestival.ca or meet us at Timms Center on Monday, February 8th. between 1:00 - 2:00- pm. We also suggest that all flag bearers wear something red and white. Come early and enjoy the festivities and entertainment provided as parking will be limited. Additionally, we invite all people from any other country that may not be listed in our inventory that has a flag from their country of origin to join us to welcome the Olympic Torch.

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| 1. Afgahnistan - Nasima Nastoh | 23. Columbia - Amparo Smith |
| 2. Canada – Bill & Tracy Sandhu | 24. Italy - |
| 3. Ecuador - | 25. Phillipines - |
| 4. Eritrea - | 26. Indonesia - |
| 5. Iran - Dadyar & Mahshid | 27. Poland - Zosia Ettenberg |
| 6. Ireland - Janet Meghay | 28. Ukraine - Deborah Groom and family |
| 7. India - Jackie McLean & Godwin D'Souza | 29. Argentina - |
| 8. Thailand - | 30. Greece - |
| 9. Mexico – Tomas Reyes & Maria Hillmer | 31. Thailand - |
| 10. Spain - | 32. Korea – Jon Kim |
| 11. Peru - Carlos Trujillo | 33. Metis - |
| 12. England - Sharon Newberry & Darlene Smith | 34. Slovakia - Renata Francistyova |
| 13. Figi - | 35. Trinidad - Cheryl Johnson |
| 14. Guatemala - | 36. Tobago - Cheryl Johnson |
| 15. China - Jackie Leung and family | 37. Netherlands - Netherlands Association |
| 16. United States - Judi Vankevich & family | 38. Manx Society Flags - Miriam Needham, Rob Cannell, Rod Deakin |
| 17. Japan - | 39. Finland - Sari McNeese & family |
| 18. Brazil - Cleci Blauth and family | 40. Nigeria - Mrs. Adimora & family |
| 19. Taiwan - | 41. Vietnam - (Way) Hue Truong & Vietnamese Community |
| 20. Germany – Mross Family | 42. Burma - Karen Youth - Margaret Kunst, Community Activities & Recreation Liaison (CARL)- Refugee Youth Project in Langley, B.C. |
| 21. France - Karen Anderson | |
| 22. Honduras - | |