

Thank You Anmore For Helping Light The Way!



On February 11th, 2010, Anmore celebrated the 2010 Vancouver Olympics by welcoming the Olympic Torch Relay into our community! This even couldn't have taken place without a generous grant donation by the BC Federal Government and the hard work of many, many volunteers. This is a recap of the historic day, please be sure to check out the hundreds of photos, and many videos and comments that have been sent in to us online at www.AnmoreTimes.com .

(If you have more stories or pictures to contribute, please email Tracy Green at tracy@greenhands.ca)



The Making of an Olympic Day..

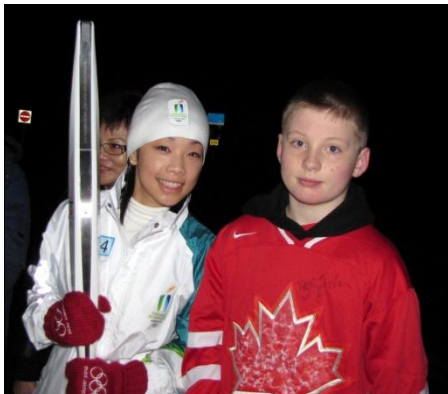
2000 pancakes on the grill, 1500 people out to celebrate the torch run, 800 hungry attendees to the community pancake breakfast, 450 torches made by Anmore children to help light the way along Sunnyside, 135 amazing and enthusiastic volunteers, and 1 wonderful, wonderful day. Congratulations Anmore - We did it!

Letter read to Anmore Council by Anmore Youth Leader, Nancy Knauer:

February 11th, A day that Anmore will never forget! The day the torch came to our Village, Our quiet streets came to life at 4:30 am with the arrival of the many volunteers that made that morning such a success.

I would like to thank Karen Cobb for having the foresight to apply for a grant that allowed us to create such a magical morning. Thanks to Councillor Palmer-Isaak for beginning the process that got volunteers together to share in such an exciting event.

To all our volunteers that met on several occasions to plan and prepare – We did it! We can be proud we created an event that pulled most of Anmore together for a positive and memorable experience.



Who were our torch bearers?

Typically the torch bearers aren't from the same community as they run. At least 4 residents that we know of - Tara Beuk, Harriette Chang, Don Taylor and Perry Solkowski ran in other communities throughout BC.

The morning of the torch run in Anmore we had students Selina Chen (18) and Matthew Hall (13) run the beginning and end of the torch relay. The second and third runners were former Olympic snowboarder Derek Heidt, and CEO of Karo designs, Joe Strasser.

In a recent Vancouver Sun article, Derek Heidt had this to say about carrying the torch Anmore:

"It was awesome," said Heidt, who competed in the Olympics' first snowboard event in Nagano. "It was crazy to see how many people were up at 6 a.m. to see this."

Torch Relay – ANMORE

(excerpt from the Tri-City News, read the full article online at www.bclocalnews.com)

Vern Sparks was impressed with Anmore's spirit — and since the 84-year-old has lived here his entire life, he speaks from a position of authority.

Vern and wife, Betty, married 60 years ago this coming June, were among the hundreds of people who braved the chill morning air to witness the Olympic Torch Relay as it made its way through the small village.

"This is a just once in a lifetime opportunity," he told The Tri-City News. "I've never seen anything like it in Anmore."

Anmore Torch Relay Event List

4:30 am: Volunteers arrive to begin breakfast and setting up for the torch relay.

5:00 am: Anmore Public Works crews help volunteers and begin setting up road block along Sunnyside.

5:45 am: Roads closed to prepare for the arrival of the Torch.

6:00 am: Hundreds of lanterns made by Anmore children line the streets and cast a soft glow in anticipation of the arrival of the torch.

6:00 am: Heritage Woods Band begins playing at Village of Anmore.

6:15 am: 4 runners and 1500 spectators waving glow wands celebrate the arrival of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Anmore.

7:00 am: 800 visitors, volunteers and students join in a community pancake breakfast at Anmore Elementary.

9:00 am: Olympic Torch Relay Assembly at Anmore Elementary School. 3 school choirs perform and there is an inspiring speech delivered by former Paralympics athlete Donovan Tildsley.

10 am: Back to school, back to work, we did it!

An email message from Councillor Palmer Isaak to all that "helped light the way" this past Thursday, February 11th :

Wow, I could not be more proud of our team! Please share or forward this to the other members of the groups that you lead. When the torch came past Ravenswood toward Elementary today I have to admit there were tears rolling down my cheeks. I was glad it was dark, as I looked out over the faces of my friends, neighbors and the super team that threw this event together.

I am so glad we dropped all of the spatulas and ran to the corner to see the road lit up and the torch coming down the hill.

To quote Hilary Clinton " It takes a Village" and it really does to put on a once in a life time event like this. I can't thank you all enough. Everybody rolled up their sleeves and went above and beyond! You should all be very proud of yourselves for the event that you hosted, Get some sleep!