
Countdown starts toward torch run: Watch the video

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The Olympic clock is ticking.

Mayor Ted Salci and former Olympian Gord Singleton stopped by Simcoe Street Elementary School Friday morning to drop off calendars marking the 100-day countdown to the day Niagara Falls hosts the Olympic Torch Relay.

"We want to engage our residents in Niagara Falls to kind of catch the Olympic spirit and the excitement of having the torch in our city," said Salci.

Niagara Falls was chosen by the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Organizing Committee to host an Olympic Torch Relay event.

The city's leg of the torch relay is scheduled to take place Dec. 20 and the torch is expected to arrive around 6 p. m.

A celebration will take place near the brink of the falls at Table Rock.

With the help of VANOC, the city established its own Olympic torch relay community task force to plan and promote the event.

"The committee has been meeting for the last number of months getting ready for this exciting celebration," said Salci.

Activities are being planned leading up to the day, to help build awareness of the event.

Singleton, who was a cyclist at the 1976 Olympic games in Montreal, is a member of the city's task force.

"I think that the most important issue out of the whole thing is to get community involvement, and that everybody really comes out to support this," said Singleton.

"It's really going to be a big thing."

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