



Clarington welcomes TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay

Residents are invited to come Celebrate and Share the Pan Am spirit first hand

Clarington, ON June 4, 2015 – Clarington is excited to host a community celebration for the arrival of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay. The celebration will begin at 1 p.m. at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex on June 5. The flame is scheduled to arrive for the celebration around 2:25 p.m.

CBC Sports personality Rob Snoek will host the celebration and Lisa Heitzner will be the co-host. Snoek is a three time Paralympian, who competed in athletics. He has won a silver and bronze medal at the World Championships in 1998 and has set several Canadian records. Rob Snoek continues to be the voice for Paralympic sport on CBC. He grew up right here in Clarington and lives in Hampton. Lisa Heitzner heads the Arts Department at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary in Courtice. She is a devoted mother of two and divides her time between the arena, the pool and the soccer field.

As the Pan Am flame travels through Clarington it will stop for a brief visit at the Bowmanville Zoo, where owner Michael Hackenberger will carry the flame alongside around 30 animals. The Pan Am flame will continue to Bowmanville High School, where student Brandon Pallister will have the honour of carrying the torch. Clarington's community torchbearer Christopher Vanhaverbeke will arrive with the Pan Am flame at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex to light the community cauldron and join in the celebration. The flame will then make its way to Courtice Community Complex for a brief visit. Community torchbearer Dave Taylor will carry the flame in Courtice.

"We are excited to showcase our community and have Clarington join in the celebration as TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay travels to Toronto for the opening ceremony of the games," said Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster.





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