



## **Olympic Torch Relay Banners to Line City Streets**

### **For Immediate Release**

*October 7<sup>th</sup>*- Nanaimo's Third Street corridor and Maffeo Sutton Park are being decorated with Olympic Torch Relay Banners this week. Traffic sign and parks crews will be hard at work hanging the two hundred and sixty eight banners in accordance with the guidelines set by the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee (VANOC). The banners were purchased with Provincial grant funds by the Torch Relay Community Celebration Committee.

The banners are part of the provinces' celebration of the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics coming to Vancouver and Whistler in February. Although the games are still a few months off the Olympic Torch Relay will roll through town later this month. The City of Nanaimo is planning a huge community celebration for October 31<sup>st</sup> when the torch arrives at Maffeo Sutton Park. Everyone is welcome to attend this family friendly event beginning at 5:30pm and wrapping up with fireworks at 9:00pm. Information about the event can be found at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) or by calling 250 756 5200.

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