

Our Event Newsletter



Olympic Torch Relay
Community
Celebration
Dec. 30th 2009

Special events highlighted from this past winter

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Dec. 30th, 2009
- Families First New
Years Eve Celebration
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- Monster Pond Hockey
Feb. 17th – 21st, 2010

Olympic Torch Relay Community Celebration

The eyes of the world were turned to our city as the Olympic Flame arrived in North Bay as part of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay on December 30th, 2009.

To celebrate the arrival of the flame, the community planned an array of stage entertainment that included an aboriginal welcome, The Interlink Choir, Dreamcoat Theatre, Renata Dolata, Café Chantant of Ecole Secondaire Catholique Algonquin, Nishnaabe

Eshkiniijig & Spirit Star Singers. The Widdifield High School Choir performed the national anthem in both French & English.

There were performances, interactive displays and giveaways by sponsors including Coca-Cola & RBC. Crowds were dazzled by a spectacular grand finale fireworks display. The first 1000 people attending received free hot chocolate and a treat of toffee on snow.

North Bay's Final Torchbearer

When the Olympic Flame arrived in North Bay on December 30th, 2010, it was proudly carried by Nicholas Fung, nominated as North Bay's community torchbearer, to light the celebration cauldron for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Nicholas, who was one of 12,000 Canadians chosen to carry the Olympic Flame on the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history!

Nicholas carried the Olympic Torch on its final 300 metres to the stage where he lit the 1.3-metre high celebration cauldron, in a move similar to the dramatic highlight that occurred during the Opening Ceremony for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Oh what a night for all to remember!

**"Thank you to all
who made this event
such a success."
"That night will never
be forgotten".**





Fireworks Finale, Families First New Years Eve Celebration Dec. 31st, 2009

Families First New Years Eve Celebration

Hundreds turned out to our showcase of free family fun that took place in Thomson Park, Memorial Gardens and the YMCA December 31st, 2009 from 4 pm - 8 pm.

Families First celebrated the New Year with family oriented activities including the return of the ever popular Guitar Hero Warz, Inflatable Bouncy Land and Glow in the Dark Frisbee.

Other event activities included Kids Colouring Contests, Kids Bingo, Skating, Live entertainment, Family Swim, Volleyball, Big Bonfire, Scavenger Hunt and a Grand Final Fireworks display rounding up the evening.

A big thank you goes to all our tireless volunteers, event sponsors,

donors and committee members. This event would not be possible without your support each and every year!

The committee is very excited to start the plans for 2010. We hope to see you all there!



Where's Waldo

What a way to ring in the New Year!



Winter Inflatable Land



Free skating at Memorial Gardens



Families First Committee Members

Great Resources

Don't forget to utilize some of North Bay's great resources such as:

The North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce - www.northbaychamber.com

Downtown Improvement Area/Downtown North Bay - www.downtownnorthbay.com

Do you have an event success story? Well we want to hear about.

Please contact Erin at 474-0626 ext 2312.

We'd love to highlight it in our next issue coming out in Fall 2010.

Call for volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for upcoming municipal events such as **Summer in the Park** or **Canada Day** please visit the Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services Department to pick up your volunteer application.

Way to go Monster Pond Hockey!

Monster Pond Hockey

The City of North Bay is very proud to highlight the success of one of North Bay's great local events. Monster Pond Hockey just finished their fourth annual event with great success. Over 120 teams participated in the tournament and approximately 1,500 people were in attendance.

The weather was beautiful, the ice was perfect, the hot chocolate was warm and the children were smiling.

Keep up all the hard work Monster Pond Hockey!

Already gearing up for 2011!

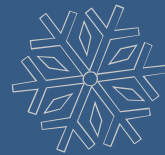
Monster Pond Hockey is a 4 on 4 pond hockey tournament and is the largest Kids & Adult tournament in the world. It consists of 20 ice pads (75' by 150') as shown below. Next year's event will attract over 1000 participants! Register now and come experience the grass roots of Canadian Hockey at the World Youth Pond Hockey Championship!

For more information please visit www.monsterpondhockey.ca

Monster Pond Hockey 2010



Circle Lake, North Bay Ontario



Event Reminders

Calendar of Events

Don't forget to post your event on the City's Calendar of Events for **FREE!**

<http://www.cityofnorthbay.ca/living/events/calendar/default.asp?section=living>

Municipal Parks & Facility Bookings

If you haven't submitted your **Facilities Request Form** to the Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services Department please do so ASAP to ensure you secure your date and location. For more information please contact 474-0626 ext 2329.

We Have What You Need

Remember the Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services Department has many event resources such as safety vests, PA systems, bullhorns and more, available for rent at minimal or no cost.

Special Events Guide

The City of North Bay has out together a Special Events Guide to help assist event organizers with all their needs. Please visit www.cityofnorthbay.ca to view the guide.

Event Hosting Fund

The Event Hosting Program provides a tool designed to assist local organizations to attract high impact events to our community. For more information please visit <http://www.cityofnorthbay.ca/visiting/eventhosting/>

Community Ambassadors

The Community Ambassador Program is a network of volunteer citizens who are dedicated to improving the overall visitor experience to North Bay. They promote the City at conventions, conferences, tournaments, festivals and other special events. For more information please visit <http://www.cityofnorthbay.ca/visiting/communityambassador/>



TOGETHER WE CAN BE GREENER

For more great ways to green your event visit these great websites:

http://www.theicarusfoundation.com/images/Greening_Festivals_and_Events.pdf

www.whatsmycarbonfootprint.com/event.htm

www.greenfestivals.com

Going Green – Tips to green your event

Selling

- Don't sell or supply bottled water at the event
- Serve organic, fair-trade coffee and tea
- Make your event Styrofoam-free
- Use local produce and foods where possible
- Discourage the use of unnecessary disposable items such as plastic straws and stirring sticks
- Encourage vendors to use bulk product instead of individual packages (i.e. condiments, creamers)
- Minimize the use of electricity
- Encourage vendors to use eco-friendly cleaning products
- Use biodegradable cups where possible
- Donate leftover food to charities
- Minimize the use of bags
- Encourage vendors to use compact florescent light bulbs if needed for their displays

Volunteers

- Use organic apparel for volunteers & committee members
- Create "Green Teams" to collect and sort waste
- Encourage volunteers to carpool, use public transit, walk or cycle

Marketing/Promotion

- Directional signs- use bulletin boards, white boards, banners and recycled paper
- When printing is necessary print double sided
- Maximize digital options- advertising, marketing
- Try not to use dates on signage, so they can be used for future events
- Use reusable tokens instead of tickets (i.e. meal tokens for volunteers)
- Use recycled paper
- Include transit and bike route information on your website and other advertising material

Waste

- Track your successes; keep a record of the quantity of waste reduced and publicize it
- Take home any material that cannot be recycled at the event

Public

- For all people who bring a reusable mug or water bottle they receive an eco-friendly gift
- Promote your event as a "Litter Free Green Event"
- Offer a secure lock area for bikes
- Encourage the public to walk, cycle, car pool or take public transit to your event



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