



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN STARTS FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

**WELLAND- February 6, 2009** – Welland residents are encouraged to join in the fun for a “ONE YEAR TO GO COUNTDOWN” at Civic Square on Thursday, February 12, 2009 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Special proceedings will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Organized by the Welland Olympic Torch Relay (OTR) Task Force, the event will feature sports demonstrations, a school choir, entertainment by local music sensation *Street Pharmacy* and free hot chocolate.

To commemorate the day, the Task Force has asked area schools to invite students to wear their favourite sports jersey or a shirt that celebrates Canada on that day.

Also, the Task Force will launch a student banner contest on “What The Olympics Mean To Our Community.” Selected entries will be used to help promote all of the Olympic Torch Relay events during the year, including display on the City float during the Welland Rose Festival.

The winners in each grade category will receive a prize package of sports, recreation and possibly Olympic Torch products. Details of the contest will be released in March.

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