

# Acton and area residents have chance to carry Olympic torch

By Frances Niblock

Acton area residents could win the chance of a lifetime to carry the Olympic torch as it travels through Canada, from Greece to Vancouver, on its way to the official opening ceremonies of the 2010 Olympics.

Canadians are being invited to enter public torchbearer programs through both Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and co-sponsor Coca-Cola. RBC has launched its "Create a Better Canada" campaign, inviting

citizens to make a personal pledge to do something that will make Canada a better place to live. People who make their pledge at [www.rbc.com/carrythetorch](http://www.rbc.com/carrythetorch) automatically have a chance to become a 2010 Olympic Torchbearer and receive an official Torch relay outfit.

The torch, after it is lit in Athens Greece, will travel 45,000-kilometres in Canada in 106 days, arriving in Vancouver for the opening ceremonies on February 12, 2010.

RBC Acton branch man-

ager Judy Williamson said the torch will travel through Acton on December 19, 2009.

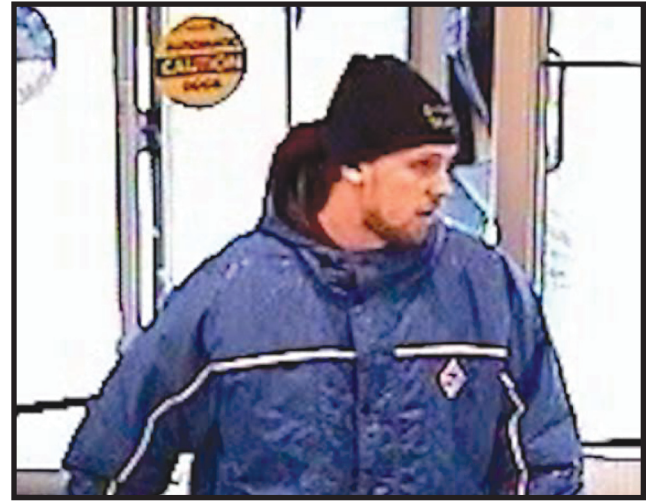
"The fact that Acton was chosen has a lot to do with it being a brand new branch," Williamson said, adding ballots are also available at the Acton branch for a chance to win a trip for four to the Olympic Games. That draw will be held on April 15. There is also a draw on the RBC website for premiere tickets to the men's and women's hockey finals at the Olympics.

Williamson said applying to become a torchbearer is simple, beginning with a visit to [RBC.com](http://RBC.com).

"You'll see a link there to carrythetorch and when you open the link, RBC is asking Canadians to make a pledge to make Canada a better place to live - it could be as simple as volunteering to coach a sports team or walking instead of driving your car to work - and there will be a random draw from those pledges for torchbearers," she said adding people can also mail their pledge or drop it off at any RBC branch.

RBC will award over 2,000 torchbearer spots across Canada, but Williamson was unsure how many people would be selected for the Acton leg of the journey. The torch leaves Brampton on December 19 and comes into Acton on Highway 7 before heading south on Highway 25, to Milton and then Hamilton that same day. Brampton and Hamilton are official torch celebration spots.

To qualify as a Torchbearer people must be able to carry, run or walk with an Olympic torch for about 300 metres. Torchbearers must be 13 years old by October 30, 2009, complete all required documentation including a security check and submit an application as per the requirements of Coca-Cola and RBC.



**SEEN THIS MAN?:** Halton Regional Police are looking for him in connection with a robbery at the Bank of Montreal in Milton on Christmas Eve afternoon. He is described as being white, 25-30 years with a reddish coloured goatee, 6', 160 - 170 pounds, wearing a black toque with "Poker Stars" on the front, a blue winter jacket with white piping and a "Dominos Pizza" emblem on the left breast. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Bill Glemmie of Halton Regional Police (905)825-4777 or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

## Letters

### Christmas hampers made 89 local families happier

To the editor,

The Aton Christmas Hamper Committee sends sincere and heartfelt thanks to the individuals and groups in Acton and surrounding area for your generous support of this year's Christmas Hamper Pro-

gram. We especially appreciate the amount of non-perishable food donated by four local schools. Your kindness helped us to provide hampers for 89 families, including more than 100 children. Christmas was much happier for these

people because of your thoughtfulness.

Thanks also to the many people who gave their time to sort the donated food on Thursday, pack the hampers on Friday and distribute them on Saturday. We appreciate the help of our group of faithful volunteers. The spirit of caring and sharing is indeed alive and well here in our town.

Thanks again; we will you God's blessings now and in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Acton Rotary Club  
Salvation Army Acton  
Family Services  
Knights of Columbus  
Acton Council 8050  
St. Vincent Charities  
of St. Joseph, Patron of  
Canada

### Home & Leisure show in Acton April 17-18

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce has announced that the 2009 Halton Hills Home & Leisure Show will be held at Acton Community Centre on April 17 and 18, 2009.

The show will be showcasing over 75 local businesses and are expecting to attract in excess of 4000 attendees. Plans include exciting celebrity guests, eye-popping demonstrations and plenty of prizes and giveaways.

Halton Hills businesses are booking now to reserve prime booth locations and to take advantage of discounted rates. This is a unique opportunity for them to promote their business and sell products and services to our growing, vibrant community at a spectacular all-inclusive event. All vendors will be provided with a marketing support kit including a downloadable logo to add to promotional materials.

For further information about the show or how to

register for a booth, contact Mary Ridley at the Chamber of Commerce (905) 877-7119 or via email at [mary@haltonhillschamber.on.ca](mailto:mary@haltonhillschamber.on.ca)

"Your customers will be there, will you?" The Chamber asks in a release.

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**ATTENTION -- PARENTS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS**

You are invited to attend a  
**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Parents of students who are planning to attend **Acton High School** or **Georgetown District High School** in September 2009 are welcome to come and hear more about the Grade 9 program, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community). For more information, please contact the school office.

<p><b>Acton High School</b> Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> Large group presentation: 7 p.m. Small group questions and answers sessions: 7:45 p.m. Tours: 8:30 p.m. (519) 853-2920</p>	<p><b>Georgetown District High School</b> Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Informal Tours: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Special Programs: 6 p.m. <i>(please see below)</i> French Immersion; Special Education/ Essential Level; ISP/IB Assembly: 7 p.m. Display/Tours: 7:30-9 p.m. (905) 877-6966</p>
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