

Glenn Lickers honoured to carry torch

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SIX NATION-Six Nations police chief Glenn Lickers is one of 24 Six Nations people chosen to carry the Olympic torch. Lickers will pick up the torch as it leaves Brantford on its journey to Kitchener.

Two torch bearers were selected by Coca-Cola and the Royal Bank of Canada, two national Olympic sponsors.

The Coca-Cola torch bearer from Six Nations has not yet been announced.

"Even though the Olympics are in Canada this year, B.C. is still a long way away, and to have the torch in your community, I thought 'What a great to get people into the whole Olympic spirit,'" Lickers



said.

Carrying the flame isn't his only responsibility during the relay. As chief of the Six Nations Police, Lickers will be keeping an eye on the safety of the community as the torch comes through the territory.

He acknowledges that not everyone from Six Nations is happy about the torch's impending arrival.

"When it comes down to that day we really have no idea what to expect," Lickers said.

"I hope that our biggest responsibility will be just trying to deal with positive, supportive people that are out to show their support for the Olympics, but if not necessarily the Olympics, than to show their support for the community members that have been selected as part of the torch parade process," he added.

Licker supports the idea of the Olympics, saying they give first-rate amateur athletes a chance to compete on a global stage.

"I think it's kind of a cool thing actually," he said. "When you look back over the years at different cities and controversies and some of the tragedies, that kind of thing goes along with something the scale of the Olympics, but in the end I always thought it was an event that fostered partnerships and was a peace and friendship kind of



Six Nations Police Chief Glenn Lickers will be one of 24 torch bearers selected to carry the torch December 23rd as it makes its way through the Territory. (Photo by Jessica Smith)

thing."

Lickers played lacrosse as a kid, "about a hundred years ago," he jokes, and continued to play sports and keep active since then.

"But certainly nothing to the level that I would ever have any dreams of competing in something like the Olympics," he added.

When Lickers first heard about

the torch relay, he didn't really understand the significance of the event, but he started paying attention when he learned Six Nations will be involved.

As he learns more, the significance is building for him, he said. "When I found out the Royal Bank had picked me as a torch bearer, it was like 'woah,'" he said.

Last Tuesday Six Nations parks and recreation director Cheryl Henhawk announced the names of 22 of the torch bearers who were selected by the Six Nation Olympic Torch Relay Planning Committee. Also carrying the torch will be: Bev Beaver, Fern Burning, Shawlena Curley, Robert Henry, Joanne Hill, Marty Hill, Scott Hill, Warren Hill, Jason Johnson, Greg Longboat, Karen Martin, Crystal MacDonald, Eric Miller, Sandra Miller, Joe Montour, Craig Point, Sid Smith, Terry Smith, Michelle Tobias, Jerrica Thomas-Hill, Chezney Martin, and Caytlen Burning.

Caytlen Burning, a seventh grade student and long-distance runner, was selected as the community representative for Six Nations.