

Olympic skater to carry torch

Local Olympic torch route released

CANADIAN GAZETTE

One of Canada's greatest figure skaters will have another Olympic moment in Almonte on Dec. 13.

Elizabeth Manley will act as a torch bearer through town as part of the 106-day Olympic torch relay.

Many will remember the iconic image of Manley biting into her silver medal after placing second at the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

More than two decades later her silver medal win remains one of the best-ever results for a female Canadian skater.

Another prominent female skater Barbara Ann Scott-King, who won a gold medal at the 1948 Olympic games in St. Moritz, Switzerland, will carry the torch in Ottawa earlier in the day.

The route which the Olympic Torch will travel through Carleton Place and Almonte on Dec. 13 has been announced with less than two weeks to go before its arrival.

The torch will arrive in Carleton Place at 9:15 a.m. along Highway 7, coming down Franktown Road and Bridge Street with a community stop at Carleton Place's town hall scheduled for 9:39 a.m.

The torch will stop for exactly one minute and will continue down Bridge Street and turn right onto Town Line Road on its way to Almonte.

The torch will arrive in Almonte via Mill Street at about 10 a.m.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Figure skater Elizabeth Manley will act as a torch bearer in Almonte on Dec. 13.

The torch will then travel up Bridge/Queen Street with a quick stop at the Old Town Hall at about 10:03 a.m. and finally the torch will tour out of town via Ottawa Street.

The crowd will see a new torchbearer carry the flame every 300 metres through the community.

Both communities have lined up activities to coincide with the historical event.

Carleton Place will kick start the celebration with a BIA-hosted breakfast with Santa at the Heritage Inn, at 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The cost is \$10 for adults and children under 12 are free with a donation to the Lanark County Food Bank.

Official Olympic paper flags will also be distributed outside Town Hall in exchange for a donation to the food bank.

Hot chocolate stations will dot the route to keep revelers warm.

Above the CP Cinemas, a "Carleton Place Community Christmas" is being organized by Lyle Dillabough.

The event will feature numerous musical acts. Admission is free, but donations for the food bank are encouraged.

Almonte will celebrate the occasion with breakfast at the legion, running from 8 to 11 a.m.

To keep with the Olympic spirit *Cool Runnings* will be played at the Old Town Hall at 12:30 p.m., free of charge.

The band, Last Act will rock out at the Old Town Hall at 2:30 p.m.

The town's used sports equipment swap will also culminate on Dec. 13.

For a donation to the food bank people will have to opportunity to pick up some "new to you" equipment at the Old Town Hall.

Donations of gently used sports equipment are being accepted until Dec. 13, at Almonte and District High School, Almonte and Pakenham arenas, Royal Bank and Home Hardware. Look for the red bins.

If you can't make it out to the torch relay you can watch it live from home by visiting <http://www.ctvolympics.ca/torch/follow-torch/index.html>.