

Torch takes long way to Vancouver



The 2010 Winter Olympics' torch relay has had some interesting moments with its windy Canadian route.

A polar bear passed in front of the convoy during a visit to appropriately-named Alert (Canada's most northern inhabited community). And more recently, elephants, reindeer and camels walked along-side the relay.

There was the time a young man proposed to his girlfriend in front of a torchbearer exchange.

As far as firsts, the torch made its way for an inaugural visit to the House of Commons with the flame being carried by a surfer in Tofino.

A touching moment ensued when Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins received the flame in Halifax from long-time fan Kirk Boudreau in front of thousands of cheering fans.

The relay will travel 45,000km in 106 days through every province and territory. When planning the route, communities were selected because of their population and geographic location to ensure as many Canadians as possible were reached.

The torch relay has been and will be within a one-hour drive of more than 90 percent of Canadians.

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will connect some of Canada's farthest points: Cape Spear on the east coast to Old Crow in Yukon – the route's northernmost stop, Canada's southernmost point Point Pelee, Ontario to the world's northernmost inhabited community of Alert, Nunavut.

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