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### **Brampton Welcomes the Olympic Torch**

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Brampton- Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament for Brampton-Springdale joined Bramptonians today to celebrate the Olympic Winter Games and the arrival of the torch in Brampton.

Today was a historic occasion as Bramptonians gathered to watch fellow Bramptonian Ryan Bennett carry the Olympic Torch in Brampton by sledge hockey sled – a first in Olympic Torch Relay History.

“It is an honour to have Brampton-Springdale on the torch relay route. It was a proud moment to watch Ryan Bennett who has overcome so much adversity, to carry the torch in the relay. There was a feeling of immense Canadian pride as Bramptonians came out with their families to celebrate the arrival of the torch in Brampton, ” said Dhalla.

A native of Brampton, Ryan Bennett was born with cerebral palsy which has left him with only partial use of his legs. However this hasn't stopped Ryan from dedicating himself to the sport of sledge hockey, in which Ryan is currently a member of the Halton-Peel Cruisers which recently won the 2009 Cruisers Cup Tournament.

The Olympic Torch Relay continues its travels across the country over the next coming weeks until it reaches its final designation at the BC Place Stadium in Vancouver on February 12 2009.

Dhalla joins the Brampton community in thanking the athletes for making Canada proud and wishing them the best of luck in the upcoming Winter Games.

Go Canada Go!

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