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## LIGHTING OF THE 2010 OLYMPIC CAULDRON TO HONOUR TEAM CANADA COMPETING IN PYEONGCHANG

**Vancouver, BC (February 8, 2018)** – To honour both the athletes representing Canada on the world's biggest sports stage and the 2018 host city PyeongChang, South Korea, the Vancouver Convention Centre will light the iconic Vancouver 2010 Cauldron on Thursday, February 8 prior to the Opening Ceremony for the Olympic Games and Saturday, March 17 prior to the Closing Ceremony for the Paralympic Games.

The public is invited to Jack Poole Plaza to see the lightings of the Cauldron and to wear red and white to show support for Canada's athletes competing in the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

In addition, BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo) will show support and pride for Team Canada by lighting its venues in Canada's colours:

- At the [Vancouver Convention Centre](#), the Cauldron and facility district markers will glow red and white for the duration 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.\*
- [BC Place](#) will glow in red on select days and feature a unique "Medal Ceremony" animation during opening and closing days and when Team Canada wins a medal.\*

*\*with the exception of scheduled illuminations for events and community organizations*

### Cauldron Lighting Schedule:

#### Thursday, February 8

- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in advance of the Opening Ceremony for the 2018 Olympic Games.
- **There will be a brief celebration and remarks by the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister Tourism, Arts and Culture, Brent Hayden, Olympic Medalist and World Champion and Ken Cretney, PavCo President and CEO at 5:00 p.m.**

#### Saturday, March 17:

- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in advance of the Closing Ceremony for the 2018 Paralympic Games.
- Program details to be announced.

### Quotes:

"The 2010 Cauldron is symbolic of the pride that Canadians have for our Olympians and Paralympians," said Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. "The Cauldron will re-ignite the spirit of 2010 by bringing people together to celebrate Team Canada and the 2018 Games."

"I am truly honoured to participate in the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron to celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic Games in PyeongChang," said Brent Hayden, Olympic Medalist and World Champion. "The torch is a beacon of performance and excellence, but more importantly, is a symbol of hope and

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unity. As an athlete, that feeling of support I felt from back home helped me through my toughest trials. I am looking forward to seeing you all come out and unite our voices to cheer on our athletes overseas.”

“It is inspiring to see the continued draw of the iconic Cauldron for visitors and the local community alike since it was first lit in 2010,” said Ken Cretney, President and CEO, BC Pavilion Corporation. “As the Vancouver 2010 Cauldron represents an important legacy of excellence in sport and hosting, we are very pleased to light it to support Team Canada competing in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.”

“FortisBC is proud to light the Olympic Cauldron today with Renewable Natural Gas,” said Jason Wolfe, director of Energy Solutions at FortisBC. “RNG is carbon neutral and is available for use in homes and businesses. Our RNG program currently has over 9,000 voluntary customers and has reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking 7,600 cars off the road.”

The Cauldron lightings are sponsored by FortisBC. The natural gas being used by FortisBC for these lightings is 100 percent Renewable Natural Gas. This carbon neutral energy source, also known as biogas, is made in BC from organic farm and landfill waste.

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**Editors:** Photos of the 2010 Cauldron are available [here](#).

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