

The Canada Games are an inclusive, nation-building experience held every two years, alternating between summer and winter and are a key event in the development of Canada's young athletes. Canada Games athletes are the country's next generation of national, international, and Olympic champions.

The Manitoba Hydro Torch Relay is designed to carry the excitement of the Games to different locations around Manitoba. The torch will follow a unique journey starting with the official lighting ceremony in Ottawa on June 6, 2017 and then travel to 11 communities around the province, as well as to Kenora, Ontario.

This year's relay will start on June 23, 2017 and will continue through Steinbach, Kenora, Morden, Gillam/Fox Lake Cree Nation, Thompson, The Pas/Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Dauphin, Gimli, Sagkeeng/Great Falls and Brandon. The final stop of the torch relay will involve a route through central Winnipeg, ending with a celebration at Manitoba Hydro Place on July 26, 2017.

The Canada Games Torch was renamed the Roly McLenahan Torch in 1985, in honor of the late Roly McLenahan, who was an original member of the Canada Games Council and demonstrated a lifelong commitment to youth and their participation in sport.

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MANITOBA HYDRO TORCH RELAY FAQ'S

Q: What is the significance of the Manitoba Hydro Torch Relay?

A: The relay is a key part of the lead-up to the 2017 Canada Summer Games and will bring the excitement of the Games to communities around Manitoba and Kenora after an official lighting ceremony in Ottawa.

Q: How do I apply to become a torchbearer?

A: There are three ways you can apply to be a torchbearer:

1. You can fill out the application form online at www.canadagames.ca/2017
2. You can download the application form from www.canadagames.ca/2017 and mail it to the following address:
**Torch Relay Coordinator,
Box 2160 270-240 Graham Ave,
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3R5**
3. You can pick up a paper copy of the application form at any Manitoba Hydro office and mail the completed form to the address listed above.

Q: Can I nominate someone to be a torchbearer?

A: Yes, there are three ways you can nominate someone to be a torchbearer.

1. You can fill out the nomination form online at www.canadagames.ca/2017
2. You can print off the nomination form from www.canadagames.ca/2017 and mail it to the following address:
**Torch Relay Coordinator,
Box 2160 270-240 Graham Ave,
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3R5**
3. You can pick up a paper copy of the nomination form at any Manitoba Hydro office and mail the completed form to the address listed above.

Q: Where do I send the completed nomination/application form?

A: You can send the form to the following address

**Torch Relay Coordinator
Box 2160 270-240 Graham Ave
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3R5**

OR scan and email your completed form to torchrelay@2017canadagames.ca

Q: Can I complete the nomination/application form online?

A: Yes, you can complete the form at: www.canadagames.ca/2017

Q: What communities were chosen for the Manitoba Hydro Torch Relay?

- A:
- Steinbach (June 23)
 - Kenora (June 24)
 - Morden (June 29)
 - Gillam/Fox Lake Cree Nation (July 1)
 - Thompson (July 6)
 - The Pas/Opaskwayak Cree Nation (July 10)
 - Dauphin (July 11)
 - Gimli (July 15)
 - Brandon (July 20)
 - Sagkeeng First Nation/Great Falls (TBD)
 - Winnipeg (July 26)

Q: How long is each torchbearer leg of the Manitoba Hydro Torch Relay?

A: Each torchbearer will be required to run/walk/wheel 200-500m.

Q: How will the torchbearers be selected?

A: Each community has a selection committee who will choose torchbearers for that location. Torchbearers will be chosen based on how well they demonstrate the Canada Games spirit and dedication to sport, youth, culture, volunteerism or their community.

Q: When will the torchbearers know if they have been selected?

A: Torchbearers for each community will be announced on May 12, 2017.

Q: How old do you have to be in order to become a torchbearer?

A: You must be 12 years of age on or by June 1st, 2017.

Q: What will happen once I am selected as a torchbearer in my community?

A: You will be contacted by a 2017 Canada Summer Games staff member who will give you information on next steps.

Q: Do you have to run the whole leg of the relay?

A: No! You are welcome to walk, run or wheel your leg of the Manitoba Hydro Torch Relay.