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CALGARY TOWER CELEBRATES THE 2010 VANCOUVER OLYMPICS

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To commemorate the opening Ceremony celebrations of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics on Friday, February 12, the cauldron on the top of the Calgary Tower will burn between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. MST.

As well, the Calgary Tower will light the flame between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day a medal is won by a Canadian athlete or team during the 2010 Games. "It's our way of celebrating and congratulating the athletes on their success in the 2010 Olympics", says R. Scott Hutcheson, CEO of Aspen Properties Ltd.

The cauldron was a gift from the '88 Olympic sponsor Canadian Western Natural Gas (now ATCO) and was lit simultaneously with the lighting of the official flame at McMahon Stadium. The cauldron burned 24 hours a day throughout the 16 day '88 Olympic Winter Games.

"The Olympic spirit lives on in Calgary and as Calgarians, we continue to enjoy and benefit from the facilities that were built for the '88 Olympics", says Hutcheson. "The cauldron is no doubt one of the most unique and visible legacies of those games.

The Calgary Tower is an iconic landmark on the city's skyline and when the cauldron atop the Tower is burning, it creates an amazing emotional connection with Calgarians, relating to the spirit and pride of the community. Whenever the flame is lit, it is an acknowledgement of some special feat or community spirit".

The Calgary Tower was built in 1967 as a Canadian Centennial project and opened in 1968. The flame cauldron was added in 1987 to be the official Olympic flame that burned throughout the XV Winter Olympic Games in 1988. The flame is lit manually and when ignited, the cauldron bursts into flame. When lit the cauldron is visible from 15 -20 kilometers away. The torch carried in the '88 Torch Relay was designed to look like the Calgary Tower.

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