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Devon Keller
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Dear Ms. Keller:

Delta is rapidly developing into a critical node in Canada's global trading network. The fierce international competition for trade from China and Southeast Asia puts Delta at the centre of Canada's trade strategy. Yet Delta also maintains the farms, eco-systems and village life that make this model of sustainable living an enviable place to live.

The Tsawwassen First Nation and Delta are developing new partnerships, working together. The Tsawwassen First Nation has recently ratified the first urban treaty in Canada. It has been ratified by its community and by the provincial government and is now in the process of being ratified by the federal government.

As Chair of the Delta Chamber of Commerce and Chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation we are proposing that the BC Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games Secretariat consider the opportunity of having the 2010 Olympic Torch pass through Delta.

Transporting the Olympic Torch through this community would provide a positive symbol for residents who have had to endure many changes and perceived threats to their community with the prospect of port and transportation expansion. It would also draw attention to the qualities of Delta and the Tsawwassen First Nation, our communities as a sustainable role model, a working partnership between First Nations and neighbouring municipalities and the importance of this area to the future of Canada.

There are many facets to this recommendation which seem so appropriate to the Olympic Torch as a symbol of the Olympic movement. We look forward to hearing from you and working with the Winter Games Secretariat on this significant opportunity.

Yours truly,

[signed by]

Maria DeVries
President

Yours truly,

[signed by]

Chief Kim Baird
Tsawwassen First Nation