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JAMAICAN BOBSLEIGH TEAM TO ARRIVE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
***Cool Runnings* comes to Pemberton**

Vancouver BC, December 9, 2008: The Jamaican Bobsleigh Team is set to arrive at their new North American training base in Pemberton B.C. this weekend.

The team is establishing Pemberton as the Official North American Training Camp of the Jamaican Bobsleigh Team, at the invitation of the town and its residents. The team plans to use the town as its base for its practice and preparations for the upcoming Whistler World Cup in February, as well as other races around the world leading up to their qualifying for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The team will arrive at the Vancouver airport at 3:49 PM on Saturday December 13, 2008 (domestic terminal) and is expected to be greeted by a large group of Jamaica bobsleigh fans and supporters.

The team will then travel to Pemberton where an official welcome is scheduled for 1:30PM on Sunday, December 14, at the Pemberton Community Centre. Later on Sunday, the team will tour the Whistler Sliding Centre from 4:30PM to 5:30PM. The team will be available for media interviews in Pemberton after the community reception or in Whistler prior to the sliding centre tour.

"We are delighted to be hosting the Jamaican Bobsleigh Team here in our beautiful town" said Jordan Sturdy, the Mayor of Pemberton. "We are all great fans of their story and legacy, and especially admire their great competitive spirit. We are confident that Pemberton's ideal location near all the world-class facilities that they need to prepare for the World Cup as well as the Olympics will be a contributing factor in the team's success over the next year."

The members of the 2009/2010 Jamaican Bobsleigh Team are:

Wayne Thomas, Coach
Hannukkah Wallace, Driver
Joel Alexander
Marvin Dixon
Garnett Jones
Wayne Blackwood

In addition, Devon Harris, the captain of the original Jamaica bobsleigh team whose story was told in the hit Disney film *Cool Runnings*, will be at the Vancouver airport as well as in Pemberton over the next few days advising the team.

"We are excited and appreciative at the generous offer made to us by our new friends in Pemberton," stated Dudley C. Talmage ("Tal") Stokes, the president of the Jamaican Bobsleigh Federation. "We are confident that our time in Pemberton will allow us to focus and prepare better than anywhere else in the world for our upcoming events as we go all out for the next Olympics."

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