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## What do you do at Bell?

I've worked for Bell for just over fifteen years and held a number of different positions. Currently I am a network provisioning associate within the National Trunking team where I help maintain Bell's network – specifically the VoIP network. It's a great job and I work as part of a truly talented (and good-looking) team!

## How did you feel when you found out you were chosen as an Olympic Torchbearer?

I was SO excited! I actually made it my goal to try and find a way to run with the Olympic torch and entered a number of contests. I was initially disappointed when I was not selected the first time.



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I actually briefly wondered if I was being 'punked' but the gentleman that called was so excited and happy that I knew it was legitimate. Actually, excited might be a bit of an understatement – I was quite happy. The fact that I am actually going to be running with the torch still seems a little surreal.

## What are you most looking forward to during the Olympic Torch Relay?

Gee – running along an exposed highway in the middle of winter wearing a jogging suit – how do I only pick one thing?! In all seriousness though, knowing that I'll be part of Canada's Olympic history, representing our country and our country is truly meaningful to me. It is truly a special opportunity that I'm really looking forward to taking part in.

## Who did you tell first and how did they react?

Well, I had no choice but to tell my co-workers first, as they heard me squealing like a nine-year-old girl at a Jonas Brothers concert. They were all very happy for me (and maybe a little jealous) and they commented about how lucky I am. I of course since told friends, family – even strangers on the street.

## What is your favourite Olympic memory?

Wow – that's a tricky one. My whole family is really into the Olympics and always has been. So I've got a lot of memories. Maybe just because it was recent, the one that sticks out right now is the Men's Hockey Team gold medal during the 2002 Olympics. I was living in Toronto at the time but happened to be here in London and watched the game with a bunch of friends and family. It was a great game and a really special day.

## What does this torch relay spot mean to you?

It means a great deal to me. I'm a huge Olympics fan and a proud Canadian. Just to know that I'll be one of only twelve thousand torchbearers to carry the Olympic Flame through Canada is a great honour and a memory I'll have for a lifetime. I'd like to officially thank Bell for this opportunity!

