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**Cycle to Walk Ceremonial Whitehorse Launch April 10, 2008**

**Whitehorse, Yukon, April 7, 2008** – April 10, 2008 is the Whitehorse ceremonial launch for Ramesh Ferris' cross Canada Cycle to Walk campaign to end polio. Ferris, a 28-year old Whitehorse resident whose legs are paralyzed by polio, will hand cycle coast to coast in an effort to help end the virus that has so affected his entire life.

- 9:00 am            *41 Firth Road*  
Join Ramesh and his family and friends as he begins Cycle to Walk from the site he first learned to walk using assistive devices following extensive surgeries. Ramesh will make a brief statement and there will be approximately 10 minutes for Q&A with media.
- 9:20 am            *Grey Mountain Primary School*  
Ramesh will be joined by student cyclists and other cycling members of the community as he continues to hand cycle towards the main Yukon Government Building on Second Avenue. Along the route, he will be cheered on by the students of Christ the King Elementary School at the intersection of Lewes and Nisutlin.
- 10:00 am           *Yukon Government Main Administration Building*  
Ferris will be joined by local dignitaries (including Mayor Bev Buckway, Minister Brad Cathers and Yukon Federation of Labour President, Alex Furlong) to speak of the importance of this campaign and why they support it. Doug Phillips will read the proclamation marking April 10, 2008 as Cycle to Walk Day in Yukon and Rev. Mary Battaja will bless the campaign. There will be time for Q&A after short speeches conclude.
- 11:10 am           *S.S. Klondike*  
Upon departure from the YG building at approximately 11 am, Ferris will be available for a 10-minute photo opportunity in front of the S.S. Klondike. He will then proceed to hand cycle up Robert Service Way to Whitehorse International Airport. Ferris will be available for last-minute interviews at the airport. He will not return to Whitehorse until October 2008.

**Information about Cycle to Walk, Polio as well as a media centre are available on our website at [www.cycletowalk.com](http://www.cycletowalk.com).** Ferris's cross Canada Cycle to Walk campaign begins April 12, 2008 at mile zero in Victoria, BC.

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