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Timber Kings unveil legacy torch

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Peter Arnold and Andre Chevigny of Pioneer Log Homes in Williams Lake. - Citizen staff photos

Once the 2015 Canada Winter Games' flame is extinguished, a permanent reminder of the torch will remain in the city's downtown core.

A wooden cauldron was installed Friday in Canada Games Plaza by Williams Lake-based Pioneer Log Homes, the focus of the HGTV series Timber Kings.

"This is magnificent and I want to thank Pioneer Log Homes for this," said Mayor Lyn Hall.

"We've seen their work all over Canada, all over North America, quite frankly all over the world, so to have this in our city is a real representation of the region and is a great piece for the Games."

The Timber Kings' legacy is the transformation of a 400- to 500-year-old cedar stump into a platform for a gas flame that will burn during the Games and can be relit for special events.

"This piece is probably (found) out by Bella Coola. A lot of the stuff that we use is laying on the forest floor already," said Pioneer Log Homes' Andre Chevigny. "And it's really cool because cedar doesn't rot, so if the trees fall over they can lay there for 20, 30, 50 years and we can come along and use them again."

The installation of the log cauldron was filmed for the Timber Kings TV show.

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