

Whistler Sliding Centre – Bobsleigh, Luge and Skeleton

The Lodgepole Pine Podium

Houston

Dungate Community Forest

The podiums of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games
18 wood types. 23 podiums. Hundreds of stories.



The Lodgepole Pine podium is used at the Whistler Sliding Centre for bobsleigh, luge and skeleton events. It is 478 centimetres long, 171 cm deep, 50 cm at its tallest point and assembled from 241 pieces.



Houston – Where the welcome is warm and the wilderness beckons

From the town's emergence 100 years ago as a supplier of wooden railroad ties, Houston is now home to the world's largest sawmill and a major wood pellet plant that helps supply Europe's green energy needs. Houston is also known as the Steelhead Capital of the World, an internationally-renowned destination for fly-fishermen and wilderness enthusiasts.



Dungate Community Forest

The Lodgepole Pine was donated by the Dungate Community Forest, which covers 14,000 hectares and is managed by a volunteer board of five local citizens committed to preserving Houston's forestry roots. The community forest began operations in 2008 and aims to exemplify stewardship and support for local value-added manufacturing.

Nipper Kettle, Deputy Mayor, District of Houston.

"Forestry is the backbone of our economy and a renewable source of energy. To have this wood harvested by our local mills and workers is indeed a great honour. The podium is where the best of the best gets to stand and salute the world."



Lodgepole Pine

Lodgepole Pine is straight-grained with a fine, even texture and appearance. A high strength-to-weight ratio makes Lodgepole Pine an extremely versatile building product, and one of the cornerstones of British Columbia's \$13-billion forest-product export market. The most common tree in the province's forests, Lodgepole Pine is used for lumber, plywood, value-added manufacturing, and bioenergy pellets.



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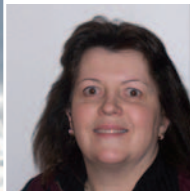
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Russell Tiljoe, Dungate Community Forest Director, and Wet'suwet'en Elder.

"Supplying lumber from our area brings recognition to Houston from around the world. The Olympics are a way of sharing who we are and how we live."



Joanne Woodbeck, Houston resident.

"I cherish the memories I have of watching the Olympics with my grandfather. We would sit there for hours cheering on our Canadians. I remember one Olympics where the events took place at 3 a.m. our time. Gramps would set his alarm, wake me up, and we would watch our team play hockey while eating hot oatmeal for breakfast!"



Podium Production

British Columbia's Ministry of Forests and Range sourced the wood and co-ordinated podium production. The rough lumber was converted to panels at Metro Vancouver's Bayview Millworks, a high-end wood product manufacturer and distributor, and cut into complex shapes using sophisticated computer controlled machinery at the University of British Columbia's state-of-the-art Centre for Advanced Wood Processing. They were assembled at Canadian hardware retail leader RONA's Vancouver 2010 Fabrication Shop, a community-based training centre that teaches carpentry skills to new Canadians and at-risk youth.

British Columbia's Forest Sector

The wood podiums highlight the importance of forestry in British Columbia. The province is a global leader in sustainable forest management and the world's largest exporter of softwood lumber, paper and bio-energy products that help mitigate climate change and provide innovative solutions to green building and energy needs.

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All 23 podium profiles, high definition video, and more information about British Columbia's forest sector are available at www.gov.bc.ca/for and www.naturallywood.com

