

# B.C. Place – Team Victory Ceremonies

## Coastal Douglas-fir Podium District of Mission *Mission Municipal Forest*

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

The Coastal Douglas-fir podium is at B.C. Place for team victory ceremonies including short track speed skating. It is 619 centimetres long, 185 cm deep, 60 cm at its tallest point and assembled from 227 pieces.

### Mission – The Jewel in the Valley

The Coastal Douglas-fir was harvested and donated by the District of Mission, located 70 kilometres east of Vancouver. This Jewel in the Valley sits on a majestic hillside overlooking the Fraser River. Mission has maintained its small town friendliness and charm even though its population has doubled to 38,000 in about 20 years. Outdoor attractions include fishing, boating, mountain-biking and hiking. Forestry maintains a rich tradition in Mission, with local manufacturing of lumber and roof shakes and shingles.

### Mission Municipal Forest

Mission Municipal Forest covers 10,500 hectares, which the District has managed continuously for 51 years. They've sustainably harvested the equivalent of 1.6 million telephone poles and planted four million seedlings. Revenues are invested in community improvements such as the library, a new truck for the fire department and ice rink enhancements. The forest is also a popular recreation destination for people from all over the Greater Vancouver Area.

### Coastal Douglas-fir

Often held as a symbol of the coastal rainforest, Douglas-fir is one British Columbia's iconic tree species. These giants are British Columbia's tallest-growing trees, reaching over 85 metres in height. The wood is recognized for its light rosy colour, remarkably straight grain pattern, and superior strength-to-weight ratio. Douglas-fir is exceptionally hard, stiff and durable, which make it outstanding for heavy-duty construction such as wharves, trestles, bridges and buildings.



Mayor James Atebe, District of Mission. A sports enthusiast and strong believer in active, healthy lifestyles, and the spirit of volunteerism.

*"We'll take great pride as a community when athletes of the world step onto the podium that our community provided. I truly believe it will heighten local appreciation for what the Games and the athletes represent."*



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Kim Allan, Director of Forest Management. Registered professional forester for 28 years.

*"Wood is the most renewable resource and has less of an environmental impact than plastic, concrete and steel. We're proud of our forestry-related history and look forward to showcasing our products and achievements through the Olympic podium project."*



Dennis Clark, Director of Corporate Administration.

*"We continue to respect our roots and have incorporated the spirit and values of our early days into our community planning. We see this as an analogy to maintaining the historical values identified with the Olympic spirit."*



## 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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/for) and [www.naturallywood.com](http://www.naturallywood.com)

