

Whistler Creekside – Alpine Skiing

The Interior Western Red Cedar Podium Revelstoke *Revelstoke Community Forest*

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

The Interior Western Red Cedar podium is at Whistler Creekside for alpine skiing events. It is 478 centimetres long, 171 cm deep, 50 cm at its tallest point and assembled from 241 pieces.

Revelstoke – Mountain Paradise

Located on the doorstep of Mount Revelstoke National Park, Revelstoke is one of British Columbia's oldest cities, incorporated in 1899. Many downtown businesses and century-old homes have been restored to their original condition, framed by the staggering beauty of the surrounding mountains. Along with year-round tourism and a new ski hill boasting North America's longest vertical drop, forestry generates significant employment for Revelstoke's 7,500 residents, with local wood products used to build homes in Canada, the U.S. and overseas.

Revelstoke Community Forest and Downie Timber

The Western Red Cedar was donated by the Revelstoke Community Forest and milled by Downie Timber. Revelstoke Community Forest is one of the oldest community-owned forestry operations in British Columbia and contributes \$7.5 million annually to the local economy. Downie Timber is one of North America's most competitive cedar producers, manufacturing a wide range of quality dimension lumber and value-added products.

Western Red Cedar

British Columbia's official tree can grow to massive size and live for more than 1,000 years. Western Red Cedar is lightweight and naturally durable. Cedar's oils and resins protect against decay, insect damage, mildew and rot. Properly finished, Western Red Cedar will last for decades, making it an ideal choice for harsh environments or year-round exposure to sun, rain, heat and cold. First Nations were the first to appreciate cedar's properties, which they used for canoes, house planks, boxes, masks, paddles, baskets and medicine. Modern commercial use includes interior finishing, furniture, decking, fencing, and house siding and roofing.



Geoff Battersby, president,
Revelstoke Community Forest Corp.
*"The podium project provides
a welcome opportunity for
Revelstoke to showcase its
excellent forest products – cedar
in particular – and gives the community an
opportunity to be a part of the 2010 Olympics."*



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Jack Heavenor, owner/manager, Downie Timber.

"The strong community-industry partnership that exists in Revelstoke is reflected by Downie Timber working with the Revelstoke Community Forest to contribute local wood to the podium project."



Mayor David Raven, City of Revelstoke. David has a strong connection to forestry, his day job is district manager of the Columbia Forest District for the Ministry of Forests and Range.

"Forestry is part of our heritage. We take responsibility for our future with sustainable and responsible stewardship of the forests around us."

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

