

Pacific Coliseum – Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating

Blue-Stained Lodgepole Pine Podium *Prince George Community Forest*

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

The Blue-Stained Lodgepole Pine podium is at the Pacific Coliseum for figure skating and short track speed skating. It is 478 centimetres long, 171 cm deep, 50 cm at its tallest point and assembled from 241 pieces.



Prince George – British Columbia’s Northern Capital

Prince George is a strategic gateway for Asia Pacific trade. In addition to its rail connection to the closest North American port to Asia, it is ideally positioned to service intercontinental air cargo routes with a new runway long enough to land the Space Shuttle. A city of 75,000, Prince George is the 2008 winner of the Province’s Green City Award for its work on greenhouse gas reductions. Located in the heart of the Interior forest industry, wood drives the local economy with plywood manufacturers, a dozen sawmills, pellet production, and three pulp mills as major employers.

Prince George Community Forest & Lakeland Mills Ltd.

The Prince George Community Forest partnered with family-owned Lakeland Mills Ltd. to donate the lumber for the podium. Lakeland has 150 employees, is recognized internationally as a top quality producer of stud lumber, and plants four trees for every one they harvest. The Prince George Community Forest covers 4,500 hectares and is managed by the City to create employment, reduce wildfire hazards and offer recreation. Harvested timber is sold to local sawmills, pulp and paper plants, or bioenergy facilities.

Wylie (William) Kitt, certified faller and city firefighter. Harvested most of the trees that went into the podium. A champion for forest safety.

“The Olympic and Paralympic Games bring the world together. I’m honoured that wood from the Prince George Community Forest was chosen.”



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Don Naeth, Lakeland Mills. Millwright and father of a future Olympic hopeful. His daughter Angela is a triathlete with an aspiration to compete in the 2012 Summer Games.

"I'm very proud of my daughter living her dreams and hopefully fulfilling her lifelong goal of making it to the Olympics. That is why the Olympics mean so much to me."



Lauren Phillips, City of Prince George. An urban forester and member of the Prince George Search and Rescue, Lauren was instrumental in finding the right site to supply the wood.

"I've enjoyed taking the mountain pine beetle problem and turning it into an opportunity to represent Prince George's innovation and commitment to a sustainable future."

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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