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## What they say about the 2010 Games

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### PETER LEGGE

Legge is president of the Vancouver Board of Trade and president/CEO of Canada Wide Magazines and Communications.

"It was nail-biting. I've just sent a letter to Premier Campbell stating that this [the successful bid] is fantastic, stupendous, outstanding, exciting, exhilarating and absolutely world class.

"I couldn't be more proud to be a British Columbian and a Canadian. This will be the economic boost that we need as a province. The next decade is going to be electric and upbeat, to say the least."

### CHRIS CARTY

Carty is executive vice-president of corporate strategy and chief marketing officer of Telus Corp., which is a founding sponsor of the Vancouver-Whistler 2010 bid.

"We at Telus are extremely proud. It's an unbelievable event in our province's history. Sitting there at GM Place, none of us knew how close it was. It was a great thing to be there.

"Going forward, the reality will begin to sink in and the hugeness of the Olympic Games will begin to be appreciated. The economic benefits will be felt across the province and across the country. Personally, I'm extremely pleased and proud."

### BILL KRANE

Krane is associate vice-president of academics at Simon Fraser University and chair of the SFU Olympic oval planning committee. A new indoor long track speed skating oval will be constructed at SFU for the 2010 Winter Games.

"I am delighted, as is the senior administration at the university. We're looking forward to a fairly hectic schedule of planning and construction for the oval. The planned construction date is toward the end of 2007, subject to further discussion, negotiation and many other factors.

"But we might want to advance the schedule to coincide with the 40th anniversary celebrations of Simon Fraser University in 2005-2006. That depends on a whole lot of factors, but it would be desirable. I'm delighted that the bid was successful and our university looks forward to serving the needs of Olympic athletes."

### TANIS FISS

Fiss is director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

"We must be vigilant and a watchdog as to the [Winter Olympic Games] expenses. According to the bid book, the cost to provincial taxpayers is \$1.2 billion, which doesn't include \$600 million for improvements to the Sea-to-Sky Highway. We have to make sure that there are no cost overruns.

"We don't believe Canadian taxpayers can afford to have another Montreal [Summer] Olympic Games situation. The cost of those Games are still being paid by Quebec taxpayers."

DAVE BROWNLIE

Brownlie is senior vice-president, finance, at Whistler/Blackcomb resorts.

"The feeling in Whistler today is absolutely ecstatic. The focus the community will have here for the next several years is clearly defined. And we take pride in Whistler's history. It was born on an Olympic dream in the 1960s and the awarding of the Games solidifies it as a world-class resort for the rest of time."

LAURA JONES

Jones is B.C. and Yukon vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

"This is a tremendous global advertising opportunity for B.C. But we need to come to terms with that opportunity and conduct ourselves as an attractive place to do business.

"There's no question that the short-term impact will be positive -- particularly for construction, architectural design firms and their suppliers, and the restaurant and retail sectors. Looking beyond the event, the key for long-term investment is to continue to focus on the policy changes that need to happen to make us a world-class business destination."

DALE BEKAR

Bekar is vice-chair of the Construction Labour Relations Association and president of Pacific Blasting and Demolition Ltd.

"First off, everyone should congratulate the Bid Corp.-- and especially [chairman and CEO] Jack Poole and [president] John Furlong.

"This will do for B.C. what Expo 86 did for Vancouver. Morale and spirit are at an all-time low in this province after several years of economic fiascoes. The input on construction in the years leading up to the Games will be tremendous and will continue for years after the Games.

"I'm tremendously excited to be in British Columbia at this time."

JACK DAVIDSON

Davidson is president of the B.C. Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association.

"I'm certain that B.C. will host the best Winter Olympic Games ever. The Olympics will rekindle that proud 'can do' spirit we had with Expo 86. The Road Builders Association think Jimmy Pattison is right -- that the Games are the economic shot in the arm that we so desperately need in this province.

"The Games will accelerate improvements to our transportation and infrastructure. And we're excited for the kids of the province. This helps our young people realize that we're behind them and want to see them succeed."

WAYNE PEPPARD

Peppard is executive director of the B.C. and Yukon Building and Construction Trades Council.

"It means a great deal to those of us in the construction industry and to all the attendant services and providers.

"I hope we'll be able to ensure that people who work on the projects will get treated fairly -- and that means that local B.C. people should be involved.

"It's really important that the benefits go to as many people in the province as possible.

"I hope the construction projects go to B.C. firms, to B.C. workers, and to people who spend their money in B.C.

"The Games are not the major economic impact in the province that the Liberal government has sought. There's still many problems out there. But this will help to solve some of the problems."

MIKE GEOGHEGAN

Geoghegan is president and CEO of the B.C. Construction Association.

"This is wonderful news -- the break B.C. has been waiting for in terms of a kick-start to our economy. Our estimates are that the Games will mean well over \$1 billion to the B.C. construction industry.

"In terms of the total economic uplift, we estimate that it will be about \$10 billion."