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### An Olympic Taster

Whistler plays host to a number of World cup events as the countdown to 2010 continues. With the Olympics little more than a year away, organizers are using more than six different World cup events to test out the facilities in Whistler and at the new Olympic park. Whistler Olympic Park, situated 15 minutes south of Whistler Village, hosted the Nordic Combined and Cross Country Skiing World Cups on January 16th -18th giving spectators a chance to see some of the most talented athletes in the world do their stuff. If you missed January's spectacle, you can still catch Olympic calibre athletes in the park for free with the IPC Cross Country Ski and Biathlon World Cup finals in March.

February sees World Cup attention focused directly on Whistler for the bobsleigh, skeleton and luge events. With the venues for these events in the village spectators, businesses and volunteers will get a true taste of what is to come in 2010. A media feast, coverage of the World Cup Events will give the world a tantalizing taste of what Whistler has to offer.

For more details on all these events.

[www.whistlerolympicpark.com](http://www.whistlerolympicpark.com)

[www.ipcalpinefinals2009.com](http://www.ipcalpinefinals2009.com)

[www.biathlon-vancouver.com](http://www.biathlon-vancouver.com)

[www.skijump-vancouver.com](http://www.skijump-vancouver.com)



### Want to give it a go yourself?

Try your hand at the Biathlon – on Feb 8th and March 29th “Twoonie” Biathlon races are being held at Whistler Olympic Park at 2pm.

### Whistler Market Report

Real Estate sales in 2008 were valued in excess of 420 million dollars. Although, well below activity levels experienced in 2007 (which should be considered a watershed year) it was consistent with the yearly activity levels experienced since 2000. Overall sales activity slowed dramatically in the last quarter of 2008 as the realities of the world economic situation began to be felt. We expect the first half of 2009 to experience below average levels of activity and



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Events February April 09

- Feb 1-28 Whistler Winter Arts Festival
- Feb 1-28 Out of bounds; Tales from the backcountry  
At Millennium Place
- Feb 2-8 FIBT Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Cup
- Feb 1-8 Winter Pride
- Feb 8th “Twoonie” Biathlon race at Whistler Olympic Park
- Feb 12th 2010 Olympic countdown



market conditions which will be in the buyers favour. However as pre-Olympic media exposure builds and a new value paradigm is created we expect to see increasing interest from investors both regionally and worldwide. The Greater Vancouver region continues to be the largest source of buyers, followed by Whistlerites, and then buyers from the U.S. Although, we expect increased levels of interest from the rest of the world, Whistler will continue to be primarily of interest to investors within four to five hours of travel time of the resort.

Average Price 2008 vs 2007	2008	2007
Single Family Home	1,659,046	1,638,760
Condo	430,307	541,360
Townhouse	879,370	931,938
Vacant Land	932,579	1,730,700
Shared Ownership	172,166	180,827

### Whistler Winter Arts Festival

February & March 2009 – Whistler, B.C.

A celebration of Arts and culture in the Sea to Sky corridor.

The Whistler Winter Arts Festival is a dynamic two-month program of live music, aerial dance, snow sculpting, film screenings, art and photography exhibitions, and literary soirees. This year features free outdoor performances by world renowned Canadian musicians including Buck 65, Wide Mouth Mason and Joel Plaskett; storytelling events featuring 2008 Giller prize winner Joseph Boyden – “literally” between the sheets; original short films from BC filmmakers; an exhibition of regional art; and the return of the Canadian Snow Sculpture Team along with three other teams from across the country! We are very pleased to announce our sponsorship of the Whistler Winter Arts Festival by CTV British Columbia - BC’s home for news. For more information please visit

[www.whistlerartscouncil.com](http://www.whistlerartscouncil.com)

### Interest Rates

Now might be a good time to sit with your Mortgage professional as the Bank of Canada interest rate is at its lowest level since 1934. Your ability to purchase your first home, investment or dream home could be closer than you think.

### LISTING OF THE MONTH



#### 2400-8 Cavendish Way

This 2 bedroom/den townhome boasts a fabulous location just minutes from Whistler's Creekside base, venue for the 2010 Winter Olympic Alpine Skiing events. This is

a rare corner property with sunny views from the west facing wrap-around deck. A very well maintained property with in-suite laundry. The property may be sold furnished making it perfect for rentals or personal usage, or renovate to customize it to your personal taste.

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## CONTINUED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 16-22 FIL Luge World Cup
- Feb 23 Discover Whistler Days
- March 13 40% off Learn to ride and ski programs
- Feb 27-28 Showcase Showdown – Halfpipe competition
- March 5 – 8 IPC Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon World Cup Finals
- March 11-15 IBU Alpine Skiing World Cup Finals
- March 11-15 IBU Biathlon World Cup
- March 29th “Twoonie” Biathlon race at Whistler Olympic Park
- April 17-26 TELUS World Ski and Snowboard Festival

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