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## Snow!

There are lots of reasons to be excited in Whistler these days!

Whistler Mountain will open on Saturday, November 14th - 12 days early! Mother Nature has certainly been kind to us with over 100cm (42in) of snow in the past seven days, and more snow is forecasted over the weekend.

So dust off your boards and skis and get ready for an amazing season of riding and skiing. Visit our friends at [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com) for more info.



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With only 92 days until Games Time, the clock is ticking down to the largest event Whistler has ever hosted— and we're excited! Preparation of the Medals Plaza site is in full swing; bobsleigh, luge and skeleton teams from around the world are in town to have a last look at the Whistler Sliding Centre; the world's media is already starting to focus on Whistler; and the seasonal staff arriving in town and are looking forward to an amazing Winter season.

## This is our time to shine!

### MARKET REPORT

#### Whistler Market Report

The real estate market continues to strengthen in both numbers of sales and average values as returning consumer confidence, low interest rates and the value proposition offered by the real estate in both Whistler and Pemberton is re-discovered.

After experiencing a significant slowdown in the first half of the year, real estate sales have rebounded back to their historically normal levels of activity; albeit at somewhat lower price points as a result of a value consolidation during the early part of the year.

Strong interest has been shown for family oriented townhouses and single family homes throughout the resort. However, the number of properties for sale has not yet decreased significantly, so prices have yet to be considerably impacted. Buyers still have many attractive choices available to consider.

Recent issues in the credit markets have had their corresponding ripple effect into the Whistler marketplace. It is always best to confer with your Whistler Real Estate advisor to determine the availability of mortgage funds for any particular real estate investment. As the world turns its eyes to Whistler and the Sea to Sky Corridor over the next six months for the 2010 Olympics, a whole new group of people will discover this

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 26th

**Whistler &  
Blackcomb Opening  
Day**

Nov 27th-29th

**Whistler Street  
Entertainment**

Nov 27th-28th

**Bizarre Bazaar** - Get  
your Christmas shopping  
done early

Nov 28th

**Indulge Gala  
Evening and Auction**

- Westin Resort & Spa -  
Early bird tickets are \$175  
until October 15 and then  
\$200 thereafter

Dec 3rd-6th

**Whistler Film  
Festival**

Dec 10th

beautiful place and find out why many consider it the No. 1 mountain community in the world. As always, the entire team at the Whistler Real Estate Company Ltd. will be happy to show you how you can become a part of it!

## FEATURE STORY

### Open for Business in 2010



The first light dustings of snow have already graced Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, giving promise to the resort's most anticipated winter season yet. With the 2010 Winter Olympic Games only a few short months away, there's a lot of excitement around the community – and a lot of questions about what to expect during the Games.

Some may assume the resort will be too crowded and the mountains off-limits during the 2010 Games. But rest assured, Whistler is open for business as usual and the majority of the resort's award-winning mountain terrain will be available for visitors to enjoy. Even during the Games period, running January 25 to late March, about 90 per cent of Whistler Blackcomb terrain is expected to be open. The Creekside base, site of the Olympic and Paralympic Alpine events, is the only real location to be affected by the much-anticipated, international event. The newly renovated Sea to Sky Highway is also open during the Games, so getting to Whistler won't be a problem. A complete transportation plan has yet to be revealed, but drivers should expect checkpoints on the highway beginning in February. Parking will be limited in the resort, so visitors should ensure they know where they're parking and can give that information at the checkpoints. Locals are being asked to use their vehicles less, and take advantage of a greatly increased and expanded bus service plan covering travel throughout and between Squamish, Pemberton and Whistler.

More information can be found at [whistlerblackcomb.com](http://whistlerblackcomb.com) and [vancouver2010.com](http://vancouver2010.com).

## OLYMPIC UPDATE

### Olympic Arts & Culture

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games are as much about the sharing of culture and the arts as they are about athletic prowess and

**Uzume Taiko with**

**Alcvin Ramos:**

**Japanese Drum**

**Spirit** - Millennium Place

8pm

Dec 12th

**Fresh Tracks**

**Breakfast presented**

**by Nature's Path**

**Organic Foods on**

**Whistler Mountain**

**Opens for the**

**Season** - Be the first on

the mountain after a

healthy breakfast to carve

the first tracks of the day

Dec 18th – 30th

**The Whistler Holiday**

**Experience** - Whistler

Conference Centre 10-6pm.

Great entertainment and

festive activities for

everyone!

Dec 19th – 20th

**Santa Claus comes**

**to Whistler** - Whistler

Conference Centre

Dec 31st

**Whistler's First**

**Night** - Alcohol free

celebration featuring live

music, street entertainment

and much more for all

ages.

the competitive spirit. With events like the 2010 Cultural Olympiad, the Games celebrate a vibrant diversity of mediums with an extensive lineup of music, theatre, visual arts, dance and digital programming.

Beginning January 22, 2009 until March 21, the Cultural Olympiad is set to deliver more than 600 ticketed and free performances and exhibitions in 60 venues around Metro Vancouver and in Whistler. Although a full schedule of events has yet to be revealed, the Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee (VANOC) has already announced free concerts in Whistler by seminal Canadian rock troubadours Blue Rodeo, as well as Alberta's Corb Lund, European singer songwriter Valérie Sajdik and Quebec's La Volée d'Castors – among others. In addition, Whistler is the site of Canada's first theatre of ice and snow at Lost Lake for The Only Animal: NIX – an innovative play running five weeks in the resort during the Games.

More information on the exciting 2010 Cultural Olympiad program and festivals can be found at [vancouver2010.com](http://vancouver2010.com).

#### FEATURED LISTING

7281 Fitzsimmons Rd S \$2,890,000

A modern approach to Whistler living. This 4 bedroom contemporary home, designed by one of Whistler's premiere architects, is set along the banks of Fitzsimmons Creek and perfectly placed to maximize privacy and views throughout. With a focus on environmentally conscious design, the open plan living, dining and kitchen area is flooded with light from the expansive floor-to-ceiling windows. The Master bedroom is looks out towards the river and up to the Peak to Peak gondola. Multiple rooms can be easily adapted to allow for an independent suite, a large games room, office/studio or a second Master suite. All within walking distance of Whistler Village.

