

# RICHMOND REVEALED

## Transportation Spectacle

An unparalleled series of visual spectacles will introduce Richmond, BC, Canada to the world during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Each spectacle will tell the story of Richmond's local economy, people, heritage and natural environment.

## Richmond's container inukshuk welcomes the world



- This temporary installation has been designed to meet high engineering standards. In the spirit of sustainability, the integrity of the containers will be preserved through careful engineering, so they can return to service after the inukshuk project.
- One arm of Richmond's inukshuk is pointing to the Richmond Olympic Oval, home of speed skating during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The other arm points in the direction of the City Centre with all that Richmond has to offer.
- The inukshuk is increasingly serving as a mainstream Canadian nations symbol.

### Some technical details

- Richmond's inukshuk is 16 metres (52 feet) tall. It is constructed of typical shipping containers used in Richmond's transportation industry.



- The word "inukshuk" (pronounced in-OOK-shook) literally translates into "stone man that points the way." Originally they were erected as beacons to those looking for the right direction and a safe passage.
- Installed January 22, 2010, Richmond's six storey high inukshuk is prominently located in close proximity to the Richmond Olympic Oval and Richmond O Zone Celebration Site – it will welcome the world during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

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- The inukshuk consists of nine containers - two 40' x 10'; three 20' x 10' and four 10' x 10'.
- It weighs approximately 20,400 kg (45,000 lbs).
- It will be anchored to steel angles on a 2 foot reinforced concrete slab. The thickness of the concrete will support the inukshuk and prevent it from tipping over should high winds occur. It also provides strength to hold the anchor bolts.
- The 2 foot concrete slab has been poured in the shape of an inukshuk.

## Transportation industry

- Home to the Vancouver International Airport, Port Metro Vancouver's multi-modal shipping terminal and with direct 25-minute highway access to the US/Canada border, Richmond is often labelled the "Gateway to British Columbia."
- Richmond's transportation and logistics industries include a large BC Ferry maintenance facility, a major rapid transit (Canada Line) operations and maintenance centre, Fraser Wharves and several aeronautical service companies.
- Over 500 businesses enable the movement of goods and people locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, with state-of-the-art distribution and supply chain management facilities based in Richmond.
- Major carriers, such as UPS, FedEx, Purolator and DHL, shipping companies, such as Andlauer Transportation and DB Schenker, and large retailers, such as HBC, Future Shop and London Drugs, operate regional, national and international logistics facilities in Richmond.
- 40,000 people are employed in Richmond's broader transportation, logistics and distribution sectors, with the Vancouver International Airport and Port Metro Vancouver's Richmond properties alone accounting for over 32,000 jobs.

## Community partners

- The inukshuk is an expression of community spirit. Many people donated talent, time, expertise, labour, land, and equipment to make this project possible.
- In conjunction with the City of Richmond, the following made this project possible through their generous support: Progressive Construction, Big Dog Containers Inc, Coast 2000 Terminals, Richmond Holdings and Swordfern Management, Team Transport, Ulmer Contracting and SLS Lighting.



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