



The Richmond Olympic Oval.
 (Below L) Canada Line SkyTrain. (Below R) Olympic Cauldron in Jack Poole Plaza



OLYMPIC LEGACY

It's been a year since the 2010 Winter Games invigorated Vancouver, but their spirit lives on **BY SHERI RADFORD**



Even though the 2010 Winter Games are long over, ways to relive the experience abound. Visit the Olympic Cauldron downtown, which was lit on the opening night of the Games by hockey legend Wayne Gretzky. A picturesque reflecting pool now surrounds the cauldron. It is situated next to the west building of the Vancouver Convention Centre, which was completed in time for the Games and was used throughout as the main media centre. This eco-

friendly building and its green roof (complete with four beehives and a full-time beekeeper) have won several awards for design. Hop on the Canada Line SkyTrain, which was also completed just prior to the Games and which whisks visitors from the airport to downtown in 26 minutes. While in Richmond, visit the Richmond Olympic Oval, where speed skaters competed during the Games. This stunning, environmentally friendly building now houses an array of fitness facilities. Pull on a pair of Olympic red mittens. If yours have worn out—or you weren't lucky enough to snag any during Games fever—pick up a similar pair of maple-leaf-adorned mittens at The Bay. Proceeds go to the Canadian Olympic Foundation.

If you're searching for the perfect Quatchi, Miga, Mukmuk or Sumi souvenir, you'll find the mascots' smiling faces in Gastown's many souvenir shops. To complete your Olympic coin collection—or catch a glimpse of some Olympic medals—visit the Royal Canadian Mint pop-up shop downtown on Granville Street. It's only here until the end of February, but don't worry: line-ups are shorter than the eight-hour waits common during the Games.

Olympic fever in Vancouver? It still burns on. [W](#)

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