

WHISTLERtoday

YOUR INSIDE EDGE TO THE 2010 WINTER GAMES

HOTSHEET

Wednesday February 10, 2010.

Weather

2° Valley High
0° Valley Low
-4° Alpine High

Flurries becoming mixed with a few rain showers late this afternoon. Snowfall amount 2 cm.

Your Week at a Glance

Wednesday Feb 10 - Take in the NIX show, Canada's first theatre of snow and ice at Lost Lake. theonlyanimal.com. Runs Tuesday to Sunday.

Thursday Feb 11 - Sea to Sky Checkpoint begins today from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday Feb 12 - 10 a.m. Men's Ski Jumping. Watch the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Opening Ceremony on *Whistler Live!* screens. Pre-show starts at 4:40 p.m.

Saturday Feb 13 - Men's Alpine Downhill at 11:45 a.m. Victory Ceremonies start at Whistler Medals Plaza at 4:40 p.m. Arrive early!

Myth Buster

There's not going to be enough parking for March break and the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games – **FALSE**

Day Lots 1, 2 and 3 re-open Mar 2. Lot 6 re-opens Mar 3 (Blackcomb Base 2) Lots 10, 11 re-open Mar 1 (remain as paid parking through March) – Driving Range and Whistler North Day Lots. Creekside P2, P3, P4 re-open Mar 22. Lots 4, 5 re-open Mar 27. Lots 7, 8 re-open Apr 1 (Blackcomb Base 2) Creekside remainder of P2 re-opens Apr 6. Creekside surface lot and P1 re-open Apr 22



Mayor Ken Melamed and Councillors Chris Quinlan and Tom Thomson enjoy the slide at the newly opened accessible playground at Whistler Medals Plaza. Photo: Bill Brown

New Today

Transit Exchange Special from Main Street to Gondola Exchange has now been extended from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Question of the Day

How do I get to Vancouver? You can drive, book a ticket on a motor coach, or in a pinch even take a taxi. Just remember if you choose to take your own car there will be reduced parking in Vancouver. You will need a Sea to Sky Checkpoint permit for your return trip to Whistler during peak times (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

If you want a break, leave the driving to someone else and visit TravelSmart2010.ca for a list of available motor coach services.

Sea to Sky Checkpoint begins tomorrow

Plan ahead and check travelsmart2010.ca

The Sea to Sky Checkpoint begins operation tomorrow (Feb. 11) and will operate until Feb 28.

It's time to start planning ahead and getting familiar with your 2010 Winter Games transportation websites, including:

- Travelsmart2010.ca
- Whistler2010.com
- Bctransit.com/Olympics
- Whistler.com/transportation

Located at the Alice lake turn off, north of Squamish, the checkpoint ensures drivers travelling north to Whistler during the Games have a place to park their cars when they arrive in the resort.

The checkpoint will be in operation from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. from February 11 to 28. Cars travelling through this checkpoint between these hours will require a permit. Travelling outside of these hours will not require a permit.

Travelers on the Sea to Sky Highway are asked to avoid the peak Olympic travel times (6am to 6pm) in order to minimize traffic on the road during peak hours. Please note permits are NOT needed for southbound vehicles.

Residents of the Sea to Sky corridor will have access to an enhanced public transit service from Squamish through to Pemberton.

If you are a Whistler resident and don't

have your permit yet, please visit the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) Permit Office at Municipal Hall. Residents who visit a permit office will need to show a photo ID and proof of address, such as a utility bill. Please note that the Sea to Sky Checkpoint permit does not provide anyone with parking; you must already have confirmed parking.

Day skiers and other travelers without parking who wishing to travel to Whistler, can take advantage of enhanced commercial motorcoach services to Whistler. For more information on these services, visit travelsmart2010.ca.

Country Medal Count

We will track the top 10 medal countries each day of the 2010 Winter Games.

The first chance for a Canadian to win a gold medal is February 13. Go Canada!



The Austria House is open to the public throughout the 2010 Winter Games and provides a lasting legacy to Whistler.

Overheard...

“ Each time the flame is handed off to another torchbearer, that moment - the people present, the emotions, the smiles and the tears - goes into the flame, and it is carried forward to the next relay point where people and pride sparks it again.” **Heather Paul, Torchbearer**