

2010 Paralympics Winter Games

The Paralympic Winter Games are underway in Vancouver and Canada has already won a gold medal! Brian McKeever, a visually impaired skier, has won Canada its first gold medal at the Paralympics during the 20-kilometre cross-country event.

Over 40 countries and 1,350 athletes and officials will be participating in the Games.

Two UAC members, Heather McCain (pictured right) and Craig Langston, had the opportunity to participate in the torch relay. Congratulations on this great honour!



Several of the Olympic attractions will remain open during the Paralympics Games:

- Royal Canadian Mint Pavilion
- LiveCity Downtown
- British Columbia's Robson Square Celebration Site
- BC Hydro Power Smart Village
- Canada's Northern House
- Pride House Vancouver
- CentrePlace Manitoba

Go Canada Go!

TransLink's 2010 Olympic Winter Games Experience

By all accounts, our transportation system met the challenges posed by the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The transportation system carried an average of 1.6 million passengers per day. Daily ridership averages, by mode, for week one of the Olympics were very impressive:

- **Bus** - up 34% to 975,000
- **SeaBus** - up 200% to 48,000
- **West Coast Express** 19,538 – up 78% from February 2009
- **SkyTrain**
 - Expo/Millennium is up 54% to 369,700, including a single-day record of 488,000 on Sunday Feb. 14, when the normal Sunday average is around 150,000
- Canada Line averaged over 207,000 per day (in the 28-day period ending Jan. 28, Canada Line ridership averaged just under 94,000)

For the Games, HandyDART registered 70 visitors who required their assistance. But overall, a little over 1,000 bookings were made for Olympic venues in February, which includes both these visitors and locals.

“Much of the credit for making this work has to go to the people of Metro Vancouver,” states TransLink CEO, Ian Jarvis.

Thank you everyone for your help in hosting and incredible 2010 Winter Olympic Games!

Access Transit Presents at the Federal Accessibility Showcase

Peter Hill, Manager, Access Transit, presented alongside City of Vancouver transportation engineers at the Federal Accessibility Showcase held on March 10th. The Access Transit presentation focused on the status of accessibility within Metro Vancouver and the importance of the role of advocacy.

The focus of the event was to showcase the achievements by those with disabilities in sports, tourism, employment, and the arts.

Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee will be held on April 15th, 2010.

Please forward these updates on to others within your organizations or to other individuals who may find them of interest.

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