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### *2010 Inner-city Inclusivity (ICI)*

Vancouver is hosting the first Olympic Games to make commitments to inner-city social sustainability and inclusion. In 2002, the Province, the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC), the City of Vancouver and the Government of Canada pledged to help make the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games benefit Vancouver's Mount Pleasant, Downtown South and Downtown Eastside neighbourhoods, while managing impacts on the inner city.

Vancouver's 2010 Olympic Bid contained an Inner-city Inclusive Commitment Statement addressing the interests of residents in Vancouver's inner-city neighbourhoods during the Games. The statement made many commitments organized under several themes – such as housing, employment and training, health services, civil liberties and more. Since the International Olympic Committee approved Vancouver's 2010 Bid in 2003, the Province and its partners have been working together with local residents and community organizations based in Vancouver's inner city to fulfil the ICI commitments.

### *Inner-city Inclusivity Achievements*

- The Province exceeded the ICI Housing Table's target to purchase or lease 800 units of existing rental housing. Since 2007, the Province has acquired about 1,400 single room occupancy units in Vancouver.
- In April, 2008, the Province committed \$10 million over three years to repair and maintain buildings and clean up streets, alleys and sidewalks in some of Vancouver's historic inner city neighbourhoods across a 40-block area anchored by the Woodward's re-development on the city's Downtown Eastside.
- Opened in 2008, the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health & Addiction provides services for people with severe addiction and mental health challenges.
- In March, 2009, the Province launched the Homelessness Intervention Project (HIP) to reduce chronic homelessness. Since then, over 2,000 homeless people have been housed in five B.C. communities.
- The Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit is committed to ensuring a safe and secure Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, while upholding and respecting the Charter rights of all Canadians, including the right to peacefully express opinions.
- To support accessibility, VANOC and partners will donate 50,000 tickets to charitable organizations for a combination of Olympic, Paralympic, sport and cultural events.

- To support affordability, more than half of 2010 Olympic Winter Games tickets are \$175 or less and more than 100,000 tickets are \$25.
- For the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, 85 per cent of all individual tickets are \$20 or less.

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