



Fact Sheet

Richmond Oval Fast Facts

- The Richmond Oval will be home to long track speed skating during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
- For the Olympics, the Oval will house a 400-metre speed skating track and seat approximately 8,000. The Oval will be home to up to 12 medal events, with a potential 36 medals to be awarded.
- The Oval is being built by the City of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, which will also own and operate the facility. The Richmond Oval project, which also includes a new waterfront plaza and park and a parkade, is budgeted for \$178 million (Canadian).
- Post-Games, the Oval will become an international centre of excellence for sports and wellness. The Oval's flexible design will allow it to be used for a wide variety of different sport and community uses.
- In typical use, the Oval's main activity floor will have three primary activity areas offering ice, hardwood and an indoor track area. This will offer a full range of training and competitive opportunities for both summer and winter sports, ranging from developmental and recreational to elite level sport.
- A complete range of sports medicine and wellness services and activity areas, including a major fitness centre will also be housed in the Oval, along with retail and food services.
- The Richmond Oval is located within 32 acres of City-owned land along the banks of the Fraser River, just minutes from Vancouver International Airport.
- The Oval will be centrepiece of a major new urban waterfront neighbourhood featuring a mix of residential, commercial and public amenity development. The new Oval neighbourhood will be an international destination and meeting place offering diverse indoor and outdoor recreational activities, shopping and services.
- The Oval is now under construction. The Richmond Oval is scheduled to open in fall, 2008. The project is on time and on budget.
- The Government of Canada and Province of BC have contributed a total of \$60 million toward the capital cost of the Oval. In addition, the Oval, will receive a portion of a \$110 million Legacy Trust to offset ongoing operating costs.

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