



The Comox Valley team at B.C. Canada House this week. Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Washington Resort representatives and Courtenay Mayor Starr Winchester are in Turin, Italy

this week promoting the Comox Valley as an Olympic training grounds for the 2010 Olympics.

Valley team gets to work in Torino

After a long trip starting Tuesday, the Comox Valley Delegation to the 2006 Winter Games arrived in Italy this week with a full schedule of meetings on their first day.

The delegation's objectives focus on increasing the potential for the Comox Valley to benefit from opportunities that arise as a result of the tremendous media attention that is focused on the communities, regions and country that hosts the games, says Darryl Pippin, Chair of the Comox Valley Economic Development Society.

Yesterday the delegation held meetings with the Regione Piemonte Departments of Foreign Trade and Commerce to discuss in detail how both venue and non venue communi-

ties and senior levels of governments in and around the area developed activities to market their regions attributes.

Delegates attended a team hosting event at BC Canada House and presented the Vancouver Island Mountain Sport Centre plans to VANOC members and Chair, Mr. John Furlong.

"The contacts and information that we are gathering here go far beyond our expectations", says Don Sharpe, president of the Comox Valley Chamber.

"Mayor Winchester is opening doors for the Comox Valley that we will be able to work on in the years leading up to the games," he says.