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Comox Valley MLA Stan Hagen, former Olympians Glenn Rupertus and Susan Kelsey, Cumberland Mayor Fred Bates, Courtenay Mayor Starr Winchester and Comox Mayor Jim Brass support the 2010 bid.

Former Olympian heads Valley 2010 committee

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She's an Olympian 1976 bronze medalist and world class swimmer.

Susan Kelsey is also the chair of the Comox Valley 2010 Olympic Community Committee.

The announcement was made Saturday at the Driftwood Mall, where Mayors and Olympians opened the "Our Time to Shine Tour" and mall display.

The tour is making its way across 23 centres in rural B.C., and is aimed at getting all of B.C. involved.

At each stop local politicians show their support and community members are named to the "community commi-

tee."

If Vancouver is awarded the 2010 Olympics, Kelsey will chair a committee that will coordinate training at Mount Washington, volunteers and other local events.

"This will affect many more communities than just the host community," she says.

She was joined by Glenn Rupertus, the head coach of the Strathcona Nordics ski team and former Olympian.

Rupertus stressed the difference feeling athletes have when competing at home with their families in attendance as he did during Calgary's 1988 Olympics.

"I'll never forget the feeling that all of Canada was cheering for us," he said.

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Olympic bid proponents to visit River City Tuesday

A bronze medalist and one of the movers-and-shakers behind Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympic bid are coming to Campbell

River to rally local support for the Games. Marian Lay and Gordon Goodman will be at the Coast Discovery Inn on

March 25 for a free forum running from 9-11 a.m.

Lay was a bronze medalist who now serves as the Olympic bid secretariat.