



IPC COMPETITION



Comox Valley Economic Development  
102-2435 Mansfield Drive  
Courtenay, Vancouver Island  
British Columbia, Canada  
V9N 2M2

For Immediate Release – March 7, 2008

Swedish National Olympic Committee Confirms Pre-2010 Training in the Comox Valley

**Comox Valley and Mount Washington, Vancouver Island –**

The Swedish National Olympic Committee has selected Mount Washington and the Comox Valley for their pre-2010 Winter Games training camps.

The Swedish Cross-country team will hold a pre-camp in January 2009 and the Biathlon before the World Cup in March 2009. Both teams will come back for a 2010 Winter Games pre-camp in January and February 2010. Additionally the Sweden National Olympic Committee is exploring potential for Freestyle and snowboard teams to also confirm.

Minister Hagen, Tourism, Sport and the Arts announced Sweden’s commitment to the Comox Valley region at a business luncheon today, “This is a perfect example of how communities outside of the lower mainland are taking advantage of the 2010 Winter Games.”

Mount Washington Alpine Resort has been engaged with the local Comox Valley Spirit of BC Community Committee in targeting Olympic Committee teams to choose the Comox Valley since the Games were awarded to Vancouver.

“This is a tremendous win for the Comox Valley and Mount Washington,” said Peter Gibson, President and General Manager, Mount Washington Alpine Resort, “There will be approximately 30 -50 athletes in the camps along with additional support staff from both men's and woman's team will train at the camps. We are thrilled that our facilities and the region surpassed their expectations and needs.”

----- 30 -----

For more information, call Lara Greasley, Marketing and Communications Manager, Comox Valley Economic Development 334-2427 x 233

Toll Free 1.877.848.2427  
Tel 250.334.2427  
Fax 250.334.2414

[sportcomoxvalley.com](http://sportcomoxvalley.com)



