

To Mayor and Council,

The 2010 Olympics and Paralympics were a huge success for Whistler. Not only did we get on the world stage with all the events but there were also many benefits realized. There was major improvements to the highway, there was 240 resident housing units moved over from the Athletes Village, a world class Nordic centre that is in use a lot of the year, a sliding centre that has helped local athletes take up the sports as never before. The pride that I felt and many other volunteers from around the world felt was tremendous. The bus drivers that the locals helped steer in the right direction the first few days, even the police from across Canada started to relax a little after everyone was so friendly to them. Watching a local father crying with joy at the finish line as his daughter won a gold medal with her blind teammate in alpine skiing, there were some good memories. Could we, should we do it again: I believe that now that we have many of the venues in place it makes sense to at least pursue the option. We could also move the Cypress events to Blackcomb and avoid the no snow problem. The town was really vibrant for that period and we are known around the world as a place to come and visit even if you are not a skier. All in all the positives outweigh the negatives not to mention that we may wind up with other 300 units of employee housing.

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