Structural Change

The physical legacy of the 2010 Winter Games

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Robson Square

$40.9 MILLION

RENEWAL AND REPAIR of the Rockefeller-esque heart of downtown has been a years-long project that included the addition of turtle-back glass domes over the recessed skating rink, now called the G.E. Ice Plaza (naming rights went for $700,000). **AFTER THE GAMES** The corporate brand will be removed and the rink, dormant for the past decade, will become a seasonal skate spot (a third larger than its original size).

Sea-to-Sky Highway

$600 MILLION

ONCE A WHITE-KNUCKLE RUN, the artery connecting Vancouver with Whistler has been turned into a safer, scenic byway.
AFTER THE GAMES Day-trippers and weekend skiers will shave time from their commute; some will add years to their lives.

Convention Centre West

$883.2 MILLION

ITS GRACEFUL, six-acre green roof has altered the skyline. With 338,000 square feet of function space, it will serve as home base for media during the Olympics.
AFTER THE GAMES Built to compete with the best facilities in the world, the centre has already booked over 200 events, representing more than $2 billion in economic activity.

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

$31 MILLION

THE SQUAMISH AND LIL'WAT First Nations (two of the four aboriginal hosts of the Games) jointly operate this living museum—30,000 square feet of galleries and multimedia shows depicting the history of local Natives through the millennia. **AFTER THE GAMES** Among the timeshares and chain stores, this may be as close as Whistler will get to an authentic indigenous culture. Over budget by $13 million, it's going to need a lot of entrance fees to break even.

Canada Line

$2 BILLION

16 NEW STATIONS. 19 kilometres of track. YVR to downtown in 25 minutes. Impressive. Businesses crushed by the drawn-out construction? Less so.

AFTER THE GAMES Possibly the most useful piece of Olympic infrastructure for city residents, the Canada Line will shuttle upwards of 100,000 riders each day between downtown and Richmond.

Richmond Oval

$178 MILLION

At 344,000 SQUARE FEET, the oval far exceeds requirements for an Olympic speed-skating venue; the engineering by Vancouver's Fast & Epp has been hailed globally; and the use of pine-beetle-damaged wood is smartly green.

AFTER THE GAMES After March 2010, the oval will be retrofitted into a multi-use facility that includes Olympic-sized ice rinks, six hardwood courts, track zones, a rowing tank, and a 16,000-square-foot sports science facility.