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## Whistler Real Estate Information and News January 2010



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### **Less than 10 days to the Olympics**

It's the moment our community has been anticipating for years! The Olympic Torch arrives this Friday and will kick off the month long celebration. It will surely be one of the biggest months in Whistler's history.

We have a few new developments for 2010. Below is a summary of each project, please contact me directly for more details.



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Cypress Place - 39 lots behind the 5th fairway on the west side of the famed Nicklaus North Golf Course at Green Lake Estates. This private cul-de-sac offers tranquil views, sunshine and Whistler's most prestigious golf course right at your doorstep. This exclusive neighbourhood beside the River of Golden Dreams features a commitment to Green living with geothermal heat exchangers, native plantings and rain gardens. Zoning also allows short term rentals.

Baxter Creek - 48 homesites and 41 luxury townhomes located above Green Lake. A south facing exposure from a bench of land above the valley floor means you'll experience sunshine from dawn to dusk. Amenities include pool & workout facility.

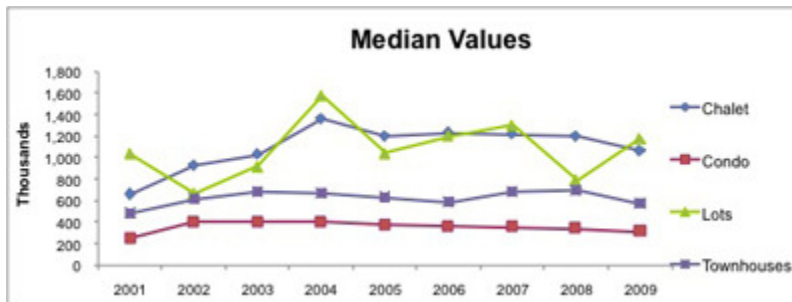
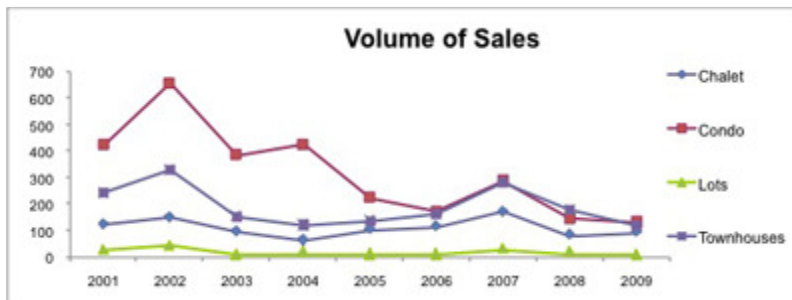
Wedge Woods - 12 lots between 1-3.5 acres north of Whistler off the highway to Pemberton. Development is 600 acres with 350 acres in reserve as a protected wilderness.

## Whistler Market Report

The year started out in 2009 a little like it finished 2008 with sales slow and buyer confidence very low. As we moved further in the second quarter of the year the general mood was optimistic. The final half of the year while not being a record did see a return to more historical sales numbers.

The two areas of the market that saw the biggest increase over 2008 where in Chalets where there was a 11% increase in sales and in shared ownership up in volume by 25%. Condo and town homes were both off in volume for 2009 but there were big changes in that area of the market with Cheakamus Crossing and Rainbow being offered for sale as employee housing.

While volume did pick up in the last ½ of the year the median values were down slightly but not off enough to signal any shift in pricing conditions. It was anticipated that inventory levels of listings would be down over the Olympic period but they remain at near normal conditions. So with prices stable, inventory at consistent levels and the world coming to visit 2010 is setting up to be a good year.



## FEATURE STORY

### Let the Games begin!

The wait is almost over. With less than a month to go, and after years of careful planning and arduous preparations, Whistler is ready and eager to take on its role as Official Host Mountain Resort for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

It's an exciting time to be a part of the community as it welcomes visitors and media from just about every country on the globe, as

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**Winter Olympic Games**

12 Fri - Day 1

**SKI JUMPING** - M Individual NH 10:00-11:00

13 Sat - Day 2

**ALPINE SKIING**- M Downhill 11:45 - 13:15

**SKI JUMPING**- M Individual NH 9:45-11:30

**BIATHLON**- W 7.5 km Sprint 13:00-14:30

**LUGE**- M 17:00-21:00 13:00-14:30

14 Sun - Day 3

**ALPINE SKIING**- W Super Combined 10:00 - 11:30 13:00 - 14:00

**NORDIC COMBINED**- M Individual NH 10:00-11:00 M Individual 10 km 13:30-14:15

**BIATHLON**- M 10 km Sprint 11:15 -12:45

**LUGE**- M 13:00-17:00

15 Mon - Day 4

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**- W 10 km Individual 10:00-11:30 M 15 km Individual 12:30-14:00

**LUGE**- W 17:00-20:30

16 Tue - Day 5

**ALPINE SKIING**- M Super Combined 10:00 - 11:30 13:30 - 14:30

**BIATHLON**- W 10 km Pursuit 10:30-11:30 M 12.5 km Pursuit 12:45-13:45

**LUGE**- W 13:00-16:30

17 Wed - Day 6

**ALPINE SKIING**- W Downhill 11:00 - 12:45

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**- M/W 1.5 km Sprint 10:15-11:00 12:30-14:00

**LUGE**- Doubles 17:00-19:30

18 Thurs - Day 7

**BIATHLON**- W 15 km Individual 10:00-11:45 M 20 km Individual 13:00-15:

**SKELETON**- M/W 16:00-21:00

19 Fri - Day 8

**ALPINE SKIING**- M Super-G 11:30-13:00

well as the best athletes in the world of winter sports. Along with all the Olympic action at Whistler's three new Games Venues, the resort will be jam-packed with a series of celebrations and events taking place Village-wide from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily during the Games.

The program, called Whistler Live, features nightly Victory Ceremonies, visual art, live TV broadcasts, Olympic coverage on giant screens, storytelling, nightly Fire and Ice shows with acrobatic tricks and DJ music, plus a full schedule of free, daily concerts in Village Square. Blue Rodeo, the Barenaked Ladies, Sam Roberts Band, Bedouin Soundclash, July Black and Swollen Members are just a handful of the big name acts performing at the 17-day event starting Feb. 12. The spotlight is about to fall on Whistler.

## SHOWING WHISTLER TO THE WORLD

### Whistler: The Complete Picture



And while the eyes of the world rest squarely on the resort during the 2010 Games, Whistler Real Estate Company opens its doors to share an exhibition on this one-of-a-kind community. Called "Whistler: The Complete Picture", the mini-exhibition aims to highlight the fascinating diversity and unique mountain culture that make Whistler much more than just a world-class tourist destination. In addition to showcasing the resort's various residential neighbourhoods and their services, the exhibit also covers Whistler's thriving arts & culture scene to give visitors a better understanding of the community's depth and how living in the area fuels creativity and inspiration.

Of course it wouldn't be a complete picture of Whistler without a look at the incredible recreation and sporting activities available in the resort. With gorgeous imagery highlighting Olympic sports and Whistler's well-known winter adventures, the exhibit also serves to underline how summers have become just as popular thanks to almost limitless recreation opportunities.

After the Games, the exhibition, art and visitor submissions collected during the event will become part of a keepsake book illustrating the true magic and heart of Whistler. For More information or to partake online please visit:

[WhistlerTheCompletePicture](http://WhistlerTheCompletePicture)

**SKI JUMPING**- M Individual LH  
10:00-11:00

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING** W  
7.5 km x 2 Pursuit 13:00-14:00

**SKELETON** M/W 15:45-20:300

20 Sat - Day 9

**ALPINE SKIING**- W Super-G  
10:00-11:45

**SKI JUMPING**- M Individual LH  
11:30-13:15

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING** M  
15 km x 2 Pursuit 13:30-15:00

**BOBSLEIGH** M Two-Man 17:00-  
19:30

21 Sun - Day 10

**ALPINE SKIING**-M Giant Slalom  
10:00-11:45 13:30-14:45

**BIATHLON**- M 15 km Mass 10:45-  
11:45 W 12.5 km Mass 13:00-14:00

**BOBSLEIGH** M Two-Man 13:30-  
15:45

22 Mon - Day 11

**SKI JUMPING**-M Team LH 10:00  
-11:45

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**-  
M/W Team Sprint 10:45-12:15 13:00-  
-13:45

23 Tue - Day 12

**NORDIC COMBINED**-M Team  
LH 10:00-11:00 M Team Relay 1300-  
14:15

**BIATHLON**- W 4x6 km Relay  
11:30-12:45

**BOBSLEIGH**- W 17:00-19:00

24 Wed - Day 13

**ALPINE SKIING**-W Giant Slalom  
10:00-11:45 13:15-14:30

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**- M  
4x10 km Relay 11:15-13:00

**BOBSLEIGH**- W 17:00-19:00

25 Thurs - Day 14

**NORDIC COMBINED**-M  
Individual LH 10:00-11:00 M  
Individual 10 km 13:00-13:45

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**- W  
4x5 km Relay 11:00-12:15

26 Fri - Day 15

**ALPINE SKIING**-W Slalom 10:00  
-11:45 13:00-14:15

**BIATHLON**- M 4x7.5 km Relay  
11:30-12:45

**BOBSLEIGH**- M Four-Man 13:00-  
15:45

27 Sat - Day 16

**ALPINE SKIING**-M Slalom 10:00  
-11:45 13:30-14:30

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**- W  
30 km Mass 11:45-13:30

## OLYMPIC UPDATE

### Sea to Sky during the Games

As the 2010 Winter Olympic Games kick into high gear, travel throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor will be affected thanks to higher traffic volumes and security checkpoints.

But a little information can help make the journey a little more hassle-free. Travel restrictions on the Sea to Sky Highway will apply during peak hours (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) for vehicles travelling northbound from Squamish to Whistler or Pemberton from February 11 to 28, 2010. Checkpoint permits are required for all northbound travel beyond Squamish during these peak periods. Visitors with accommodation should receive permits from their hotel in advance of travel, or they can visit the permit office located in Squamish.

BC Transit is also expanding its services in the Sea to Sky corridor and Whistler during this time, making it a convenient way to travel during the Games.

There is also an Olympic Bus Network, which provides travel for Games ticket holders travelling from Metro Vancouver to Whistler competition events, however there is no service for spectators in the Sea to Sky Corridor going to Vancouver-based events.

Parking restrictions in the resort have already begun, with closures at the Creekside parkade and new parking rules in effect. Look for the Skier Day Lots to close in the coming weeks, as well as most commercial spots.

More information can be found at

[travelsmart2010.ca](http://travelsmart2010.ca).

**BOBSLEIGH**- M Four-Man 13:00-15:45

28 Sun - Day 17

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**- M  
50 km Mass 9:30-12:00

## FEATURED LISTING

5 Timber Lodge, Alpine      \$439,000

Bright, three bedroom, renovated end unit townhome in Alpine Meadows. Featuring custom cabinets, new stainless steel appliances, countertops, paint and flooring. The powder room on the main floor, plenty of windows and the low strata fees (\$80/month) make this property very attractive. Timber Lodge is a quiet complex located at the end of the lane with a grassy, treed backyard. Close to Alpine Market, Meadow Park Sports Center, the valley trail and bus stop. Ideal for first time buyers, weekenders or investors. Come have a look; it's easy to view.

