

Vancouver's Olympic Village has been hailed as the greenest neighbourhood in the world, and is only the second ever to be certified LEED®-ND Platinum.

A Green Olympic Village

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Vancouver's Olympic Village, specially constructed for the 2010 Winter Games, is located on beautiful Southeast False Creek, with views of the mountains and city skyline. Built on former industrial land, it now exemplifies the best in sustainable technology, appealing architecture and community-oriented neighbourhood design.

The City provided the Village to house 2,800 athletes and officials during the Winter Games. When Olympic organizers return the buildings in April 2010, they will become permanent residential housing, with a focus on units for families. The new mixed-use community will offer 1,100 residential units, 250 of them affordable housing and another 100, modest market units.

GAMES-TIME HOUSING

The newly constructed apartment buildings in the Olympic and Paralympic Village are all close to competition venues, entertainment districts and the nightly Victory Ceremonies at BC Place, allowing athletes to walk or take a short bus ride to all of the city's main attractions.

The centre of the Village is a 4,200 m² green community centre, a service and celebration space for athletes during the Games. Services on the main floor include a bank, store, post office, café, courier and a First Nations art gallery. After the Games, space in the community centre will be repurposed as a fitness and day-care centre.

GREEN BUILDING STRATEGY

Development of the Olympic and Paralympic Village has transformed a former industrial area into a sustainable living showcase, achieving Platinum certification under the pilot standards for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighbourhood Development (LEED-ND).

LEED CERTIFICATION

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is a third-party certification program and an internationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health:

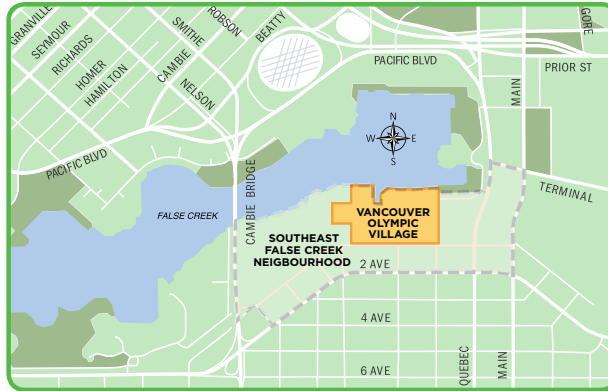
- sustainable site development
- water efficiency
- energy efficiency
- materials selection
- indoor environmental quality

* Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - awarded by the US Green Building Council in February 2010.



The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Village which will house 2,800 athletes and officials is situated in the Southeast False Creek neighbourhood of Vancouver. It has 1,100 residential units, of which 250 are affordable housing and 100 modest market units.

Every building on the site is designed to achieve LEED Gold standards for new construction – except for the community centre, which is certified to the LEED Platinum standard, making it one of the most environmentally sustainable buildings in Canada.



Sustainable features and services incorporated into the site include rainwater harvesting for building use to reduce reliance on the municipal system, and a Net-Zero Energy Building that generates as much power as it uses through energy consumption monitoring, solar recovery and waste-heat capture.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY LEGACY

The Village is part of the City's larger plan to create a sustainable community in the Southeast False Creek area. After the Winter Games, the Olympic and Paralympic Village will become part of a model sustainable community, and will house approximately 3,000 residents in 1,100 units.

By incorporating a variety of green features including strategic energy-use reduction, high-performance green buildings, and easy transit access, the larger Southeast False Creek neighbourhood will be a leading model of sustainability in North America.



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC VILLAGE COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- **250 affordable housing units in the first phase of the development, and over 100 units of modest market housing aimed at middle-income singles and families, for a total of more than 350 units**
- **Southeast False Creek Olympic Village Community Benefit Agreement, providing 100 inner-city jobs, \$15 million in inner-city procurement opportunities and a \$750,000 legacy fund from Millennium Properties for training and employment support**
- **LEED Platinum for neighbourhood development, and LEED Gold for all buildings, 50% reduction in water consumption through harvesting and re-use of rainwater, and 50% green roofs overall**



The plaza will be the heart of the SEFC community, ringed by services including the community centre and daycare, a restored heritage building, restaurants, coffee shops and other services.