

RICHMOND REVEALED

Steveston Spectacle

An unparalleled series of visual spectacles will introduce Richmond, BC, Canada to the world during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Each spectacle will tell the story of Richmond's local economy, people, heritage and natural environment.

Celebrating life in Steveston Village



Steveston Village – Where commercial fishing meets with unique shopping, dining, wildlife and heritage experiences.

- Steveston Village is shaped by its rich history of the west coast fishing industry. It's a place to visit during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
- Steveston is home to two National Historic Sites of Canada. The Gulf of Georgia Cannery commemorates the history of the West Coast fishing industry. Britannia Heritage Shipyard Park, site of the award winning Murakami House, is an authentic representation of a once thriving community of canneries, boatyards, residences and stores.
- All four historic sites in and around Steveston - The Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Britannia Heritage Shipyard Park, London Farm and Steveston Museum, will all be open to visitors in February 2010.
- Steveston is home to vibrant Japanese population, many with deep roots in the community.
- The Steveston Community Centre has "adopted" the Japanese Speed Skating Team during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

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- Steveston restaurants will feature west coast ingredients in a variety of culinary styles in February. Many merchants will extend their opening hours to 10am – 7 pm, 7 days a week.

Did you know?

- Visitors can buy fresh seafood directly from the fishers at the Public Fish Sales float at Fisherman's Wharf.
- Manoah and Martha Steves and their six children were the first family to permanently settle the southwest corner of Lulu Island in 1878 in what is now known as Steveston.
- The Steveston Salmon Festival was launched in 1946 and continues to be held every Canada Day.
- In 1979, the Steveston Museum opened in a 1905 building, which had been Steveston's first bank, then a doctor's office. The Steveston Historical Society operates the museum and post office, which are often featured in major Hollywood movies.
- By 1890, Steveston was a full-blown boom town, with 15 canneries along its waterfront and record catches of salmon, herring and other species. Steveston canneries were shipping salmon overseas, setting a record of 16-million pounds in 1901.
- Steveston was once home to 15 commercial fishing canneries along its waterfront and record catches of salmon, herring and other species.
- Steveston is home to Canada's largest commercial fishing fleet with over 600 vessels.



View of the Steveston Legacy Statue in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

Fishing industry

- The first cannery in Steveston opened in 1882 with the last cannery closing in 1985.



Working fishing boats.

Community partners

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