

Major Milestones

- **Dec. 1, 1998:** The Canadian Olympic Committee selects Vancouver as the Canadian city to bid for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
- **Feb. 5, 2002:** Vancouver advises the International Olympic Committee that it will participate in the bid. The seven other applicant cities are Andorra la Vella, Andorra; Berne, Switzerland; Harbin, People's Republic of China; Jaca, Spain; Pyeongchang, South Korea; Salzburg, Austria; Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **May 31, 2002:** Applicant cities submit their bid questionnaires, an overview of each city's bid proposal and a response to 22 technical questions from the IOC.
- **June 7, 2002:** Canada and British Columbia agree to contribute \$310 million each if Vancouver and nearby Whistler, British Columbia, were chosen to host the 2010 Winter Games. The funds would ensure that core sites for sports competitions and Games-related facilities and events would be in place and would be sustainable after the Games. Of the \$620 million to be invested, \$110 million would be earmarked for the ongoing operations of new facilities as part of the "legacy" of the Games.
- **Aug. 28, 2002:** The International Olympic Committee announces its short list of candidate cities: Berne, Switzerland; Pyeongchang, South Korea; Salzburg, Austria; and Vancouver.
- **Sept. 27, 2002:** Berne officially withdraws following a referendum that rejected public sector financial support.
- **Nov. 14, 2002:** Canada, British Columbia, Vancouver, Whistler, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and the Canadian Paralympic Committee sign an agreement spelling out how each would contribute to the Winter Games. This is the first time such an accord has been part of an Olympic bid.
- **Jan. 10, 2003:** The Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation presents its bid book to the International Olympic Committee. The 460-page document represents four years of planning and responds to 200 questions covering a wide range of themes such as sport sites, accommodation, transportation, environment, security, and culture.