

**Premier Gordon Campbell**  
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It is a great feeling to be hosting the Olympics. We dreamed about trying to get the biggest prize in the world, we went for it and because of all of you we won it. We are going to be an Olympic city!

Two years ago, one person stood up and said I'm willing to take this challenge on, of organizing a team, of bringing together the best we have, and of laying out a plan that would get us to this point.

Without his leadership, without his guidance, without his focus, we may not be able to celebrate the way we are celebrating today. I want to introduce the Chairman of the former Candidate Committee, the person who has brought us to this point as the host city for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Vancouver, Jack Poole.

There was one core to our presentation yesterday, and that was athletes. It was the Canadian athletes and what they brought to our presentation that I'm sure made the difference for Vancouver's bid, for Canada's Bid.

We're very fortunate today that Catriona LeMay Doan is with us as well as Daniel.

When you have big dreams, as Catriona did as a young girl and as Daniel did, as all of our athletes have, they are dreams that all of us can share. The dream of the Olympics when we started this was that we could actually give something to the next generation.

We had phenomenal support across this great country as we went forward and in Prague we heard time and time again how this is a Canadian bid. We are proud to be leading Canada and we are proud to represent Canada on the world stage.

Now we have a chance to be the best we can possibly be. The best we can be in all walks of life. Let's all think of grabbing that Olympic flame and moving it forward and passing it onto the next generation so the world is in better shape as we move forward.