

2010 Olympics Doing Badly

In your quietest non-accusatory voice, the other day in the car, you inquired of me with the query/statement – “*You want the Olympics to do bad, don’t you dad !?*”

My criticism about how poorly the Olympic industry is doing is not about wanting Vancouver to lose even more money on this real-estate scam promoted by property developers **Jack Poole**, **John Furlong**, **David Podmore**, **Gordon Campbell** (current BC Premier) and others. They have already made a whack of money.



Poole above left, who said *I will not make 1¢ on them* left his kids lucrative property bordering the new highway over Eagle Ridge.

Understanding Vancouver 2010 and every Olympics is about recognizing that everything we’ve been told for several decades by Olympic critiques **George Monbiot**, **Andrew Jennings** and more recently in the VANOC 2010 specific *Five Ring Circus* by UBC Neurology Researcher and anti-globalization, anti-poverty activist Dr. **Chris Shaw** – was true. Now unfolding 6 years later, it’s proving to be bang on for Vancouver. The games will cost my kids and everyone in BC dearly – more than \$7 Billion in debt.

Balancing Budgets

There is only so much tax income any government has for roads, bridges /transportation infrastructure, government services like mental health, social services, child and family welfare, water management, environmental protection, education, and many assorted health services. Those taxes are paid by you Thomas the citizen. You work hard to make money to pay for food, shelter, heat and electricity. Either you pay more taxes or you get less services and longer line-ups. This includes in hospitals, which is happening more now. It also means larger class sizes, and less support for special needs classes like **reading assistance**.



When Tee was admitted to Surrey Memorial, she had to wait 24 hours in agony to even see a doctor for her “stones”. Then it took ten days to finally treat her. When we took Daniel for his H1N1 flu shot we had to come back the next day and wait for two hours. This is just the start even before the Olympic fallout.

For an analogy let’s pretend, Thomas, that you are a parent. Government tax income is equivalent to your family income. In times of economic insecurity, your government chose to promote,

at the urging of a small cabal of developers, Poole, Podmore, Furlong, Gordo (himself a property developer), and others, a 17 day \$7+ Billion “party”.

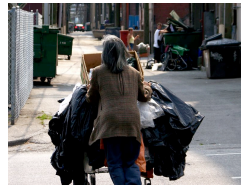
If you Thomas, as a parent, instead of using your income to provide adequate housing, food, clothing, education and medicine- decided to spend your income on partying with your buddies, the department of child welfare would take your kids away. It’s just morally wrong and socially stupid.

As an individual, Thomas, you know it’s wrong to go into further debt on your maxed-out credit card, by buying a ticket to Mexico and charging even more to party when you get there. Eventually you are going to go bankrupt or have to live on the streets, scrounging excess restaurant food from the dumpster.

We now know **they** lied about the Olympics inducing future economic spin-off as published at UBC.ca and in the Vancouver Sun January 25 and which we at 2010 Watch showed from the beginning based on every other city promised this legacy since 1976 where it has not happened. The Vancouver cabal and the IOC also lied about security costs pegged at \$175 million. They try even today to tell us the costs will be \$900 million, when Turin security costs were \$1.4 Billion, and London 2012 Summer have already increased theirs from the original \$1.7 Billion to \$1.9 Billion. Ours will be well over \$1.4 Billion all in.

Homelessness

So what! Why should we care if people live on the street? *Those lazy fuckers should get a job and find a place to live!*



Keep in mind Thomas, that the large majority of those living on the streets are people who forget to take their medication for psychosis. Sure too there are a number of First Nations druggies who are the remnants of those we damaged in Residential schools. By 2002, the Gordo Liberal government completed the final closure of Riverview “Mental” Hospital in Coquitlam. Vancouver homelessness has tripled to 3600 since this government took office. Most of those people (think *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*), since being kicked out of a tranquil park based home have ended up suffering on the streets.



What happens in the end when we waste money on a 17 day party like the 2010 Olympics is that your streets become meaner, the mean break into your cars and homes and mug you to steal stuff you worked hard to have. They do this to pay for street drugs they opt out for when they forget to and stop taking their meds. Then we hire more police and expend more taxes to keep them in jail.

The IOC based in Switzerland is a very slickly organized industry that pays no taxes anywhere. It's made up mostly of middle aged European men, who get countries to sign binding agreements that allows the IOC to take a large slice of TV income and trinket profits and be responsible for not one cent of the losses.



For years, they've pretended to promote sport and healthy living in young people. Yet, obesity is a growing epidemic in society while McDonalds and Coca-Cola have been the traditional sponsors of the Olympics. The Sport BC High School budget and programs were cut by 35% due to Olympic spending. Ironical eh!

The games are an activity the rich can enjoy and promote while feeling little post-event hangover pain, whilst the middle and 'poor' class eventually experience their economic damage deeply.



The environmental carbon footprint is a disaster. Over 100,000 trees came down above for 2010. In Sochi Russia over 250,000 trees are being mowed down in a remote rural site for 2014. The total amount of carbon generated by the 250,000 visitors, athletes, trainers, media, IOC big wigs and their families is staggering. That is something Thomas, you'll have to live (and die) with far longer than I. And yet, you are up for the games while I am not.

It is not that I wanted Vancouver to do badly. It is that I always recognized Vancouver and the environment and my own three children and grandson would do badly by them. Sure we get a bunch of overpriced venues that you'll have to pay billions over the years to maintain e.g. the financial and energy costs required to keep the bob-sleigh track surface icy is huge and the number of speed skaters who will use the oval will be miniscule. In the end no caring parent or grandparent would wish the costs of any Olympics on their kids. Denver in 1976 broke their agreement with the IOC almost immediately the true costs were known.

The Olympics is nothing more than a self-perpetuating industry that bankrupts cities. I did not invent this idea. It is a fact that has been outlined for years in several well-researched books.

You Thomas have far more to lose from these "games" than I do, yet you support them because you have become a very integral part of *The Matrix*, you are connected to the TV and believe all the ads from the voice of your Olympic god, **Donald Sutherland**. Your government services will be slashed for decades due to the

\$7 or 9+ Billion debt. You will wait longer in hospital lineups and reap the results of lower education funding. When governments (we the people) should be subsidizing post secondary education including culinary arts programs, we will be further slashing these budgets. It's a given fact in other host cities. Athens below has seen financial & social chaos since Summer Olympics 2004 with students marching & dying against ma\$\$ive tuition increases.



It is not that the idea of the games was bad in the beginning; it's the financial corruption of the ideal by the IOC that is bad.

Why do you Thomas "believe"? Because you have fundamentally become a piece of the Matrix. You listen to and believe the IOC commercial propaganda and as you know - *Hitler is attributed with and Goebbels often used the phrase somewhere along the line: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."*

Besides Thomas, you're a sports fan. I'm not. I usually watch the **Grey Cup**, sometimes the **Superbore** – not this year - Brett didn't make it, and usually the **Stanley Cup**. I sometimes watch the Canucks in the playoffs if they are in the finals at any level but not until one team has 2 out of best of 5 or 3 out of 7. If the Canucks ever made it to **the Cup** I'd probably watch most of those games.

It's not that I want or wanted the Olympics here to do badly. It's that I never wanted them to come and damage the economics of the province my children live in. I never wanted the Olympics to undo much of the work I myself laboured hard at in developing a healthy society and environment for my kids to grow up in. I never believed the hype of the modern Olympics. I read a number of books over the years revealing the true effects of the Olympics and fought from the beginning to stop them. Only the municipality of Vancouver got to vote for them. Only half of Vancouverites voted in the referendum. Of those only 64% voted Yes. This yes vote represented just 12% of British Columbians, but all BCers have to pay for them. All will suffer their effects. With this in mind I find it funny and ironic that the 88% in the hinterlands who went ballistic when 'we' won them and the venues, have been more supportive of the torch run than Vancouverites, - BUT that is Olympic hyper-advertizing for you.

If you want a fairly unbiased summary of **Thomas Read's 2010 Olympics** – Google "*Vancouver 2010 Olympics wiki*".

All the time I was not supporting these games, I was not "wanting them to do badly", I was fighting for the healthy future of your British Columbia, your city, forests and environment.

To see a point form summary so far, go to magickallgateway.net and click on *Olympic Truths101* page top.

Love Ya

my youngest and once politically savvy son -2010.Feb.05

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p.s. Check out John Stewart on old Senators - Feb 3rd, part 1

