

# The Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre

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MOUNTAIN  
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Imagine a place for elite and emerging mountain athletes to train towards dreams of Olympic gold and World Cup glory.

Imagine a state-of-the-art venue for major sporting events that can host media and spectators from around the world.

Now imagine an interactive classroom, where children absorb the principles of life-long fitness while discovering a love of sport.

Situate this classroom in the high alpine of one of the most beautiful places in Beautiful British Columbia. Add stunning views and easy access. With a provincial park literally at its doorstep, kids and adults alike will be drawn into the great outdoors.

If you can imagine all this under one roof, you share our vision for the Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre.





## **The Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre**

The vision behind the Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre calls for a unique multifunctional building that serves both mountain athletes and the larger community. The Mountain Sports Centre is to be built on land generously donated by Mount Washington Alpine Resort, and will be owned and operated by the non-profit Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Society (VIMSS).

Since its inception in 2003, VIMSS has secured \$900,000 in public and private funding towards Phase 1 of the project. Underway as of May 2006, Phase 1 is an upgrade of the existing Nordic trail network and biathlon range at Mount Washington. It also incorporates improvements in trail lighting systems and preliminary site surveys for Phase 2 buildings.

Phase 2, beginning in 2008, calls for the construction of the Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre and the Strathcona Park Visitor Centre. Adjacent to the Raven Lodge and Nordic facilities at Mount Washington, these buildings will complement both the natural and built environments.

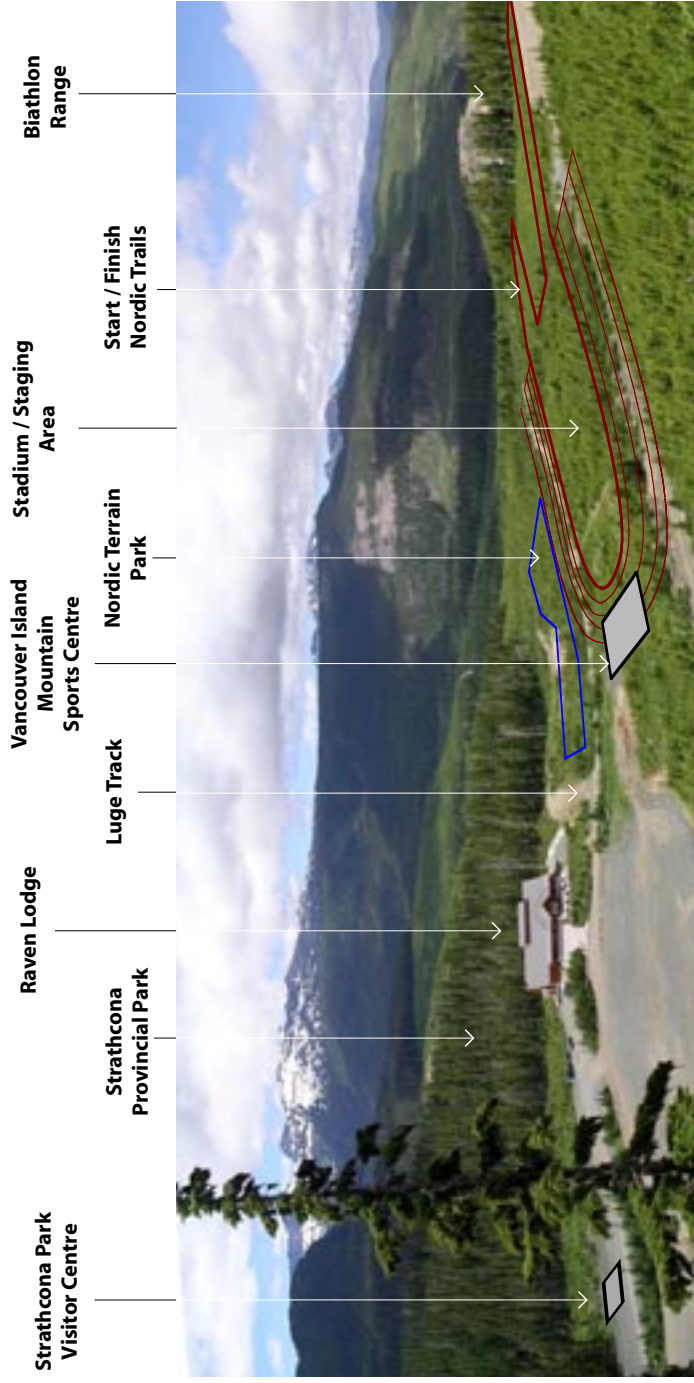
For competitive athletes, the Mountain Sports Centre will be a central hub of activity. A full complement of sport-specific facilities is planned: locker and shower rooms, an equipment maintenance room, plus a modern gym and sport science lab. Athletes will have access to in-house massage and physiotherapy services, or be able to simply relax after a hard day's training.

In addition, there will be offices for coaches and staff, and group accommodations for visitors. A multipurpose media room will be available to coaches and athletes to review training runs, and to journalists for coverage during national and international competitions. The Mountain Sports Centre will also serve as a classroom for local school and university groups, and provide a venue for other non-sport related events.

The adjacent Strathcona Park Visitor Centre will be owned and operated by BC Parks and the Strathcona Wilderness Institute (SWI). The Strathcona Park Visitor Centre will be a central resource for park information, with SWI providing the opportunity to learn about outdoor education and the natural history of Strathcona Park.

VIMSS is committed to building a strong relationship with BC Parks, SWI and the Strathcona Park Visitor Centre. Our shared vision is an integrated approach to facility management that will see crossover and collaboration between the two Centres. Together, we will ensure that the needs of all visitors are met and exceeded.

## SITE CONCEPT - Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre at Mount Washington



### PHASE 1 (2006)

- Site planning design and layout
- Nordic/Biathlon competition trail design and construction
- Nordic stadium, Biathlon range and infrastructure upgrades
- Outdoor trail and stadium lighting

### PHASE 2 (2007-2009)

- Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre construction
- Strathcona Park Visitor Centre construction

### PHASE 3 (2006-2009)

- Operational planning and educational curriculum development



## The Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Society (VIMSS)

VIMSS is a non-profit umbrella sports organization made up of representatives from local Alpine, Nordic and biathlon clubs; the Vancouver Island Society for Adaptive Snowsports (VISAS); Mount Washington Alpine Resort and community members.



The primary mandate of VIMSS is to provide yearly grants to competitive athletes on Vancouver Island. These grants are given directly to athletes to offset some of the costs associated with regional and national competitions and advanced training. VIMSS seeks to nurture emerging athletes on the Island and to help prepare them for elite competition.



As VIMSS has evolved, it has developed long-term initiatives to bolster the culture of competitive mountain sports on Vancouver Island. These future initiatives involve an awareness campaign to engage the community as a whole in athlete support, and working with local educators to create flexible and innovative programs for our athletes.



These long-term goals of VIMSS converge in the Mountain Sports Centre infrastructure project. The Mountain Sports Centre will not only raise our athletes to the world stage. It will be a valuable and unique asset to the whole of Vancouver Island.

For more information on how you can help create the Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre, please get in touch with a VIMSS board member in one of the following ways:



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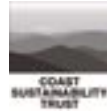


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