



# Olympic Report

with Linda Olson  
Vancouver Olympics Volunteer



**Hello**  
I have been really enjoying the excitement that is building in the Richmond Olympic Oval.

My team consists of eight volunteers who are rinkside during the speed skating races and practises.

Look for the light blue jackets at each corner of the rink, one of them is me.

All the volunteers were given a ticket to the dress rehearsal for the Opening ceremony for last Wed-

nesday night.

We saw the performance the way you saw it on TV, including the well known singers.

It was a wonderful show and performed with perfection.

We are all noticing, especially today, that the commuting time is longer and the crowds are here.

You may wait for three or four trains just to get on at the major centres.

Saturday is the first race at the Oval and the athletes are looking real-

ly smooth and ready for the challenges ahead.

I am off to Vancouver Island for the weekend to visit my family. A much needed rest after six days at over 12 hours each. I average over 10 km a day of walking alone. The building is huge.

Keep watching and cheer for our Canadian Team, they have devoted their lives to this rigorous training and discipline.

Oh, yes, the weather is about 8 degrees and rainy everyday.

Linda



**GOOD TIMES:** The Irvings of Guelph celebrated Family Day on Monday with a walk at the local Rockwood Conservation Area on Monday. - Denise Paulsen photo

## Letters

*To the editor*

I would like to comment on the article printed on the back page ("Community Corner") of the January 21 edition of the Tanner entitled "Skating on Thin Ice". The main message in the article appeared to be that the ice on Fairy Lake was not yet safe for any activities. This is not true.

I have previously addressed the issue of ice conditions on Fairy Lake in a Letter to the Editor in this paper two years ago in January 2008. This was in response to an incident where my fiancé and stepson were verbally harassed by a citizen who thought that they shouldn't have been on the ice because the Tanner had printed it was unsafe, despite the fact that the ice was indeed over 10 inches thick where they were ice fishing. While I understand that there are many parts of the ice that are thin and

there may even be open water, what people need to be educated about is the non-uniformity of ice, no matter how it looks in some areas. One should always proceed with extreme caution when on ice, and children should never be on the ice without a knowledgeable adult. We always check the ice thickness in regular intervals with an auger until we are certain it is safe.

By your own words in the January 21 article, the recommended minimum is four inches of ice for walking, six for a snowmobile (which are both underestimated by some standards), and eight to 12 for a vehicle (interested persons can check the following website for other ice safety tips: <http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=2570&tid=024>).

Between Christmas and New Year's 2009, a large portion of Fairy Lake

had ice that was seven to eight inches deep, which, according to your article, is nearly thick enough to drive a vehicle onto. The actual state of the ice just does not match up with the misinformation in the article. Citizens should be aware that these are cautions only, and that no authority is actually monitoring the thickness of the ice on Fairy Lake (or at least no one is reporting it). This means you cannot know if it is safe unless you check it or speak directly with someone who has. This does not mean the ice is unsafe.

People who go through the ice do so because they are careless. This doesn't mean people can't safely enjoy one of our town's best assets doing fun, healthy, Canadian winter activities!

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# House League Hockey

**TYKE**  
Ware's Auto 7  
Jescan Power 6

Ware's Goals: Mattias Terpstra, Riley Drexler(3), Elijah Macdonald(3). Assists: Jonah Macdonald, Terpstra(3), Jackson Phillips, Kieran Harrison, Drexler, Johnny Pyszczak, Cole Fagan.

Jescan Goals: Matthew Lantz(2), Matthew Geim(2), Darcy Lowe, Liam Chalmers. Assists: Jordan Caruso(2), Lowe, Madden Macdougall, Geim, Chalmers.

**Acton Referees' Association 5**  
**Eramosa Physiotherapy 2**

Acton Goals: Cody Merritt, Thomas Holmes, Curtis Goldin(2), Ceilidh Cooper. Assists: Jaret Rosenburg, Victoria Nascimento, Connor Kendall, Cooper, Benjamin Spence(2).

Eramosa Goals: Jared Pike(2). Assists: Brandon Miles, Tienneke Gedge(2), William West.

**NOVICE**  
**Front Line 3**  
**Yourway Auto 2**

Front Line Goals: Jacob Coleman(2), David Corbett. Assists: Brandon Hatt, Kyle Thompson-Cantrill, Coleman.

Yourway Goals: Chase Thomas. Assists: Quinton Binnell, Michael Jankowski.

**Nor Halton 5**  
**Giant Tiger 0**

Nor Halton Goals: Jon Bydevvate(4), Brady Worthman. Assists: Worthman(3), Brett Hilts, Bydevvate, Jack Timmerman, Thomas Savage.

**Mortgage Edge 6**  
**Daniel Varanelli 2**

Mortgage Goals: Hunter McCauley(3), Makayla Dee, Ryan McIntosh, Daniel Crha. Assists: Tristan Wright(2), Michael Battams(2), Alexander Bargis, Adam Coppola.

Varanelli Goals: Nolan Cree, Eric Marrows. Assists: Victor Montini.

**ATOM**  
Acton Tire Stop 6  
McDonalds 2

Acton Tire Goals: Eric Dopheide(4), Jonathan Schmidt(2). Assists: Benjamin Armstrong(3), Jacob Dawkins, Justin Lee, Liam Whittaker, Schmidt.

McDonalds' Goals: Rachel Thornhill, Austin Skelhorne. Assists: Sam Druif, Brian Secord, Devin Muise.

Georgetown Chev 6  
Herbal Magic 2

Georgetown Goals: Tristen Leslie, Thomas Renaud(3), Benjamin Gray, James Nelson-Alves. Assists: Michael Allain, Ty Martin, Tommy Adkins, Andrew Rudisi, Ricardo Villa, Renaud, Gray, Jenna Munday.

Herbal Goals: Jack Mowat, Zach Rowe. Assists: Mowat, Christian Holmes.

**MIDGET**  
**Endzone Sports 8**  
**Fraser Direct 5**

Endzone Goals: Eric Butson(4), Jesse Hill, Justin Giordanno(2), Matt Kutasienski. Assists: Giordanno(2), Paul Kutasienski(2), Kutasienski, Hill(3), Tyler Townsley, Scott Morris.

Direct Goals: Jonathon Porty, Ryan Payne(2), David Buckland, Kyle Adema. Assists: Jake Lewis, Josh Marti, Porty(2), Clayton Black, Dylan Bickers, David Buckland.

**Acton Precast 15**  
**Atlantis Photo 3**

Precast Goals: Mitchell Webster(4), Evan McMeekin, Christian Begin(2), Matt Allain(4), Tyler Colby(3), Jacob Box. Assists: Jeffery Curry(3), Allain(4), Webster(3), McMeekin(4), Brian Taylor(3), Box(2), Colby(2).

Atlantis Goals: Cory Tsiourlis, Nick Vandereyken, Tanner Merstorf. Assists: Daniel Blight, Michael Short, Luke Van Dinther, Christopher Dunlop, Tsiourlis.




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