

FEATURE ARTICLE

2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

As noted in the editorial this month, the 2010 Winter Olympics are also leaving their rail mark on the Vancouver area. One such way is with the new “Olympic Line”, a connection from the Canada Line’s Olympic station to Granville Island. The route uses the tracks that the former Downtown Historic Railway used, although extensively rebuilt and upgraded.

Bombardier brought two “Flexity” trams from Belgium to demonstrate during the Olympics. and they entered service January 21. Rides are free for the duration, and the cars have been very popular with both residents and visitors alike. Hopes are that this will be the start of an extended streetcar operation for Vancouver following the Olympics, that could connect Granville Island, Science World, Gastown and Convention centre. (photo by Robert Etchell)





CPR's Waterfront yard has a different look about it in these February 4, 2010 photos taken by Don Evans from the Granville Square plaza. Above we see the Canadian Pacific Railway "pavilion" to which are connected their business car fleet along with several support railcars that are positioned on two tracks. Further down the yard, on a third track (below) are the Kansas City Southern business train cars. This setup is also easily viewed from the bridge to the SeaBus terminal at Waterfront Station.

