

Juicy Quotes

Jaquie Rogge (president of IOC):

"Until they are fed, housed and trained our athletes can't skate, ski or slide. 365 days a year our worldwide Corporate Partners make the dreams of the Olympic athlete a reality. For that, we — and everyone who lives the Olympic Games — owe them our deepest gratitude."

Jack Poole (president of VANOC until recent death):

Western Investor editor Frank O'Brien [sat](#) in on a talk by Poole and later editorialized that, according to Poole, "the real purpose of the 2010 Olympic bid is to seduce the provincial and federal governments and long-suffering taxpayers into footing a billion-dollar bill to pave the path for future real estate sales."

Indeed this was Poole's opinion. "If the Olympic bid wasn't happening," he told the developers, "we would have to invent something."