

Sitka builds 2006 Winter Olympic building

By Keri Langley

British Columbia's Minister of Economic Development Colin Hansen was in town yesterday, at the Sitka Log Homes head office and work yard to officially unveil a very special project that will soon be en route to Turin, Italy.

Hansen officially announced Sitka as the company who successfully won the contract to design and build a log structure that will act as a showcase for BC and Canadian products at the 2006 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Turin.

The stunning log building, currently assembled in the Sitka work yard was constructed from beetle-kill Pine. The 4,200 square feet is over two levels – a main floor and a loft.

"It's to showcase BC wood products and other products, as a legacy to 2010," said Sitka General Manager Wally



SITKA LOG HOME builders put some finishing touches on this gorgeous log building, bound for Turin, Italy, where it will showcase BC products.

Bramsleven, referring to the Winter Olympics to be hosted in Vancouver and Whistler.

Some of the items to be showcased inside the building include wood floors, state of the art lighting and electronics.

Sitka Log Homes is no stranger to Olympic proj-

ects. They were the log company who won the bid to construct two log structures for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002.

The provincial government put out a Request for Qualification for this project, and Sitka was short-listed, along with two other companies.

"We had to bid on a design/build proposal, and we got it," explained Bramsleven. "We were up against an architectural firm from Vancouver and an engineering firm

from Victoria.

"The main thrust of the building is to promote Canadian, and mostly BC products."

The announcement and short speech by Hansen (which was made before Advisor press time) was followed by an address from Sitka owner and founder John Johnson and a tour of the building by media, the minister and dignitaries. The event was MC'ed by Mayor Donna Barnett.

The log building, headed to Italy in a few weeks, will emphasize and echo 100 Mile House's new legal status: "The Hand-Crafted Log Home Capital of North America."