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Subject	City of North Vancouver Bestows 'Freedom of the City' Honour on Paralympian, Lauren Woolstencroft
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The City of North Vancouver is hosting a special ceremony to formally recognize the outstanding achievements of City resident and **Gold Medalist Paralympian, Ms. Lauren Woolstencroft.**

At a formal ceremony on June 14, 2010, Mayor Darrell Mussatto and members of Council will confer the honour of '**Freedom of the City**' on Ms. Woolstencroft for her outstanding performance during the recent Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Ms. Woolstencroft captured gold for every event in which she competed, setting the record for the most gold medals won by any Winter Paralympian at a single Winter Paralympic event. Lauren Woolstencroft delivered a matchless performance in the women's alpine skiing and super combined events, and was rewarded with five gold medals, adding significantly to Canada's record number of gold medals at the 2010 Winter Games.

"Ms. Woolstencroft is one of our country's greatest athletes, a true champion and inspiration to all Canadians," says Mayor Mussatto. "The City of North Vancouver is honoured to have her as a member of our community, and the City proudly commemorates Lauren's athletic and personal achievements."

A long-time resident of the City of North Vancouver, Ms. Woolstencroft began her ski racing career at age 14. She has been a member of the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team since 1998 and has won over 50 World Cup medals, including eight world championship titles. She represented Canada at the 2002 Winter Paralympics in Salt Lake City, capturing two gold medals and one bronze. At the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Ms. Woolstencroft won one gold medal and one silver medal. The 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver and Whistler was Ms. Woolstencroft's third appearance in the Paralympics.

Ms. Woolstencroft will be presented with the 'Freedom of the City' honour during a special ceremony held on **Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:00pm at City Hall.** For more information, visit [www.cnv.org](http://www.cnv.org).

For 17 days in February and 10 days in March, the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games were held in Vancouver and Whistler. An unparalleled success, the 2010 Winter Games was a historic event and defining moment for people and communities across Canada. The City of North Vancouver served as an Official Community Contributor for the 2010 Winter Games a major transportation hub, conveniently connecting 2010 spectators, tourists and volunteers with Olympic sporting events. For more information about the City's 2010 Winter Games participation and celebrations, visit [www.cnv.org/2010](http://www.cnv.org/2010).

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