

## JOHN FURLONG

### Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee



John Furlong is leading the team that will organize and stage the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Helping to improve the fabric of Canadian society is one of Furlong’s steadfast goals, and he believes the Games can be a true nation builder.

Prior to his appointment at VANOC in 2004, Furlong was the President and Chief Operating Officer for the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation. He helped lead the organization through numerous phases. In his role, he became the Bid’s international face and key spokesperson, tirelessly clocking more than 1.2 million miles in his travels to promote the Bid.

Furlong has been involved with athletics all his life, competing and coaching at the international level in three sports. A long time member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, he has also served as chair of the BC Summer and Winter Games and Sport BC. He founded the Northern BC Winter Games Society, and served British Columbia at seven Canada Games and two Western Canada Games.

Furlong’s service to sport has landed him with numerous community awards, among them the Darrel Thompson and Kaizan Awards for services to sport in British Columbia over a lifetime. He was voted Canada’s Sport Executive of the Year for his contribution to the Vancouver 2010 Bid, and named Vancouver’s Executive of the Year by the Vancouver Executive Association. He was acclaimed as the 2004 Canadian Sport Awards’ Sport Leadership Winner for his service to sport in Canada over a lifetime. Furlong has won Vancouver’s most prestigious tourism award for the promotion of Vancouver around the world and was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame as the 2004 W.A.C. Bennett Award winner. In January 2009, Furlong was voted by the *Globe and Mail* as Canada’s Most Influential Sport Figure.

A former Canadian squash champion, Furlong continues to play and work out when he can. Born in Tipperary, Ireland, Furlong has five children and nine grandchildren.