



**John Furlong** is the leader behind the team that organized and staged the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. From the very beginning of the project, Furlong envisioned that the Games could be a true nation builder, helping to improve the fabric of Canadian society. IOC President Jacques Rogge remarked in a Canadian Press interview at how Vancouver had taken on the Games in a way that was "unheard of in the Olympic movement," and considered them as belonging to all of Canada, was not surprised that the Games had become a catalyst for national unity.

Prior to his appointment at VANOC in 2004, Furlong was the President and Chief Operating Officer for the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation. 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's service to sport has landed him with numerous other forms of recognition - among them The IOC's Olympic Order and the IPC's Paralympic Order. He was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame as the 2004 W.A.C. Bennett Award winner.

Furlong has been involved with athletics all his life, having competed at the international level in Basketball, European handball and Squash. He became Canadian Squash Champion in 1986. Furlong has been a long time member of the Canadian Olympic Committee and has led many high profile sport organizations in Canada. On July 1, 2010, Furlong was named an Officer of the Order of Canada and on October 21st 2010, he became a Member of the Order of British Columbia. He has been recognised by The Globe & Mail as Canada's Nation Builder of 2010, as one of the top 25 most transformational living Canadians and has been named Canadian of the Year by ...

## John Furlong

### Speech Topics

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- ☐ Business Strategy



## Testimonials

"Your presentation was just amazing...We are so lucky that you shared your exciting Olympic experience with us. You made us so proud and what a great leader you are."

- Bell Canada.

"John's speech truly touched our group. His words were both moving and motivational. I believe history will show John to be one of our most inspirational leaders and the most passionate Canadians of our time."

- Terasen Gas.