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## MEDIA BACKGROUNDER



### 2010 COMMERCE CENTRE (ROBSON SQUARE)

The 2010 Commerce Centre at Robson Square in downtown Vancouver offers state-of-the-art reception and event facilities. There are two connected spaces in the LEED Gold certified structure – one highlighting British Columbia through multimedia presentations and the other offering a versatile hosting area for business or community functions.

The centre aims to foster business relationships, profile British Columbia regions and industry sectors, and solidify the province's international business image as Canada's Pacific Gateway.

#### Wood Use

The centre has a unique ceiling crafted from wooden planks donated by Spirit Committees from communities across the province. The ceiling panels were sourced from Live Edge Design in cooperation with RONA. The centre has Interior Douglas-fir and larch flooring, donated by British Columbia manufacturers.

Other unique applications include use of wood from submerged Douglas-fir logs for custom decorative applications and chips from trees killed by the mountain pine beetle as aggregate in concrete countertops.

Lecterns for the 2010 Commerce Centre were carved by one of B.C.'s best carvers, David Cartwright Compton ([www.davidcartwrightcompton.com](http://www.davidcartwrightcompton.com)). The log was reclaimed from the bottom of a lake. As a result, the fish and the rest of the podium are different colours without being stained – this is a phenomenon that characterizes wood that has been immersed in water for a significant period of time. (See wood design)

[www.2010commercecentre.gov.bc.ca/Default.aspx](http://www.2010commercecentre.gov.bc.ca/Default.aspx)

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*British Columbia, Canada, is home to over 40 native wood products species and modern structural and finishing products that offer limitless innovative building and design solutions. It also has responsible producers who harvest legally; regenerate promptly; reduce waste and support recovery and recycling; reduce greenhouse gases and help fight climate change; and welcome independent scrutiny of how forests are managed.*

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