

# Street theatre highlights Olympic concerns

VANCOUVER - Community opponents of plans to take over the Britannia Community Centre for the 2010 Olympics are taking to the streets. Local community members concerned about secret plans to use Britannia without due community input are highlighting the issue with street theatre this Sunday morning on Commercial Drive in East Vancouver.

The action comes in the wake of a hastily called “public meeting” by the Britannia Board to discuss and vote on the Olympics at Britannia to be held:

**Monday, May 5 at 7pm  
in the Britannia Auditorium.**

The street theatre props focus on plans to barricade the popular centre before during and after the 2010 winter Olympics and make people pass through security checkpoints.

Among community concerns are:

- security perimeters that will cut off and severely restrict access for seniors, students and children.
- that security forces will target local youth and the homeless.
- increases in traffic and rents.
- That rink upgrade costs will be dumped onto the community as they have been at other community centres.
- lack of access to the rink and other services such as the senior centre, the pool, the library, teen centre, etc. for an unknown period of time.
- disruption to surrounding services and businesses on and around Commercial Drive.



**WHAT: Street theatre**

**WHERE: Commercial & Charles streets**

**WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 10:30 am**

**WHO: Concerned Citizens Opposed to the Olympics at Britannia**

**MORE INFORMATION: 778.828.2744**