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editorial

We are in the midst of Olympic fever here on the west coast as we go to press with this issue. Although we are not actually in Vancouver, our sons are, and they report the intensity of emotion evident in the city—the crowds lining up for free events or just hanging out en masse in the streets, the red mitts and CANADA toques, the spontaneous singing of the national anthem, the sheer happiness and celebratory atmosphere everywhere they go. I must confess that in the weeks leading up to the opening ceremony I had reservations about the cost of this event, and how it diverted funds and attention away from people in our province who need government support. I still have concerns about those issues, and I understand “The Games” is big business, but despite those very real concerns, like many other Canadians, I have caught the fever and feel enormous pride when our athletes step onto the podium and the notes of Oh Canada ring in the air. I salute the athletes who, without question, have worked hard and made sacrifices to earn the recognition they have received this month. Surely our young people, observing the competitions and award ceremonies televised across the country, are inspired and motivated by the determination and commitment behind those shining smiles and radiant faces. I can only hope that there will be a positive spin-off, perhaps not recognized immediately, but growing in the hearts of some of our youth, to go for the gold in whatever pursuit they are interested in and to take pride in our great home and native land.

Diana

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