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## **Ferguson contributes to Olympic spirit – and local economy**



Athletes aren't the only ones with an Olympic calling. Movers have team spirit too.

Ferguson Moving recently took charge of moving cardio equipment to Vancouver's new Olympic Oval – getting prepped for the many local and international athletes that will be arriving early to begin warming up for the largest competition in the world.

The equipment travelled all the way from Chicago, Illinois, the home city of Life Fitness Ltd. who made the high end machines. Ferguson arrived on the scene, ready to participate in a move that, though small and seemingly insignificant, would play a part in shaping the performance of the games.

Little did they know they would become heroes of the day, after everything seemed to turn into its own obstacle.

"It was funny actually, when we got there we had to work on the fly, but the loading dock was blocked by a large crane. Then we found out the industrial elevator broke down. After we got to the Oval, the floor plans had changed and no one could show us where to place the equipment. When we found out it had to go onto a mezzanine, we needed a fork lift to get it up there. We could see the forklift but couldn't find the operator. In the end, because of our commitment, it all came together," said Lorne MacInnes, vice president of Ferguson Moving, Vancouver's oldest moving company.

It took three movers and six hours to transport 2 treadmills, 2 bikes and 1 cross trainer – all of which will be utilized by Olympic athletes in just two months. This was the first test delivery, and more are on the way. By placing the equipment at the Oval, athletes who need to work out won't have to leave the facility.

"We contributed to the 2010 games in a small but important way. All of the athletes from around the world will be using the equipment that we delivered and installed," noted MacInnes.

Not only did the move help the Olympics, according to MacInnes, it also contributed to the local economy, providing many hours of work to Vancouver citizens, which can be fed back into the monetary system.

"During difficult financial times, this type of move means local workers have jobs," said MacInnes.

Ferguson Moving and Storage is a company that goes beyond the traditional way of doing things. In response to the need for professionally trained workers, MacInnes set up his own schooling program to teach staff how to properly move different types of objects.

"All of our staff are trained in our training facility. We utilize the latest equipment and stress safety. In addition to initial training, we also do monthly 'development training' to keep our staff current," explained MacInnes – a man dead set on doing things right, the first time. "We service a contract to our maximum capability."

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