THUNDERBIRD CENTRE RESORT
Transforming the Whistler Bobsled Track into a Resort Development

“How can architecture transform obsolete sporting facilities into community assets in a post Olympic environment?”

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Forever: 20' 50'

Resort responds to this imminent burden by support the rarely-used facility dry in 2015, the full burden will fall onto the Whistler Community. Thunderbird Centre Resort a valuable community asset.

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Approaching the resort from the north, the Men’s Bobsled Start House is easily recognizable by the snow-covered roof and ‘M’ at the top of the structure. Inside we find a multi-use venue that will house the Olympic Experience in Whistler and Vancouver. It will serve as a small gallery that narrates the Olympic Experience in Whistler and Vancouver will help perpetuate the positive impact of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

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