

Sochi Winter Games ? perpetuating misery

Dear editor:

Why are Canadian athletes going to the Winter Olympic Games? Do any of them actually read about the chaos caused by Mr. Putin in Sochi and elsewhere in Russia?

Do our athletes know about the \$50 billion spent on them in Sochi while ordinary Russians live in substandard housing and their roads are full of holes?

The ordinary citizens of Sochi are suffering from the building boom ? not the friends and relatives of Mr. Putin. New roads and sports facilities are being built to the detriment of the people in Sochi.

Every Olympics brings horror stories concerning the disruption to the citizens in the host city and the cost to the taxpayers in the country having the games.

Mr. Putin is a modern dictator and our athletes are giving him credence by going to Sochi. Of course, our prime minister will be wallowing in the new wealth of Sochi if he goes to the opening ceremonies.

The saddest aspect of the Sochi games is the lack of regard or the lack of knowledge by our athletes. They'll go to perpetuate the misery applied liberally to the citizens of Sochi by the government and its friends in the business community known as the Russian?Mafia.

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