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Great start for Canada's Northern House

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (February 15, 2010) – People have been lined up down the block to enter Canada's Northern House ever since the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games started on Friday, February 12.

"It's definitely one of the most popular pavilions so far during the Olympic Games," said Nunavut's Deputy Premier Peter Taptuna. "It's great to see the thousands of people coming to the house and learning about Nunavut's culture, tourism, and investment opportunities. It's opening the world's eyes to what Nunavut has to offer."

The house has been open for a month. So far forty-four thousand people have come into Canada's Northern House to see northern animals and movies, drum dancing, Inuit games and live music.

"It's amazing to see how many people are learning about Nunavut," said Taptuna. "They are writing down the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles, learning about inuksuit and Inuktitut, reading about Nunavut artists and purchasing their artwork."

So far fifty-eight thousand dollars has been spent in the retail section at Canada's Northern House.

The excitement at the pavilion continues with arctic sports demonstrations, film screenings, live music and performances.

Canada's Northern House is located in downtown Vancouver at 602 West Hastings Street. It is a partnership between Nunavut and Northwest Territories with Yukon involved during the Olympic Games.

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