

Prince George Mayor and Council
1100 Patricia Blvd
Prince George, BC
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August 14, 2023

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Caledonia Nordic Ski Club request from the City of Prince George

As a property owner at 1800 Catherine Drive in Miworth, I am writing to request that you consider not granting the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (CNSC) a letter of support for the expansion of their License of Occupation (LOO) into the 120 ha area behind our properties at this time.

As indicated in the map in their letter to you dated July 14, 2023, the CNSC had proposed two LOO Applications Areas. We are concerned specifically with the 120 ha area nearest to our properties which are just to the west of the ski club's proposed LOO area.

In 2020, orange flagging appeared in the mature forests (crown lands) behind our houses, indicating logging plans. We learned that a member of the CNSC board had marked out a five-metre wide road-like "trail" there (see Map 1). In 2021, sixteen property owners in our neighbourhood wrote to the CNSC board and the Province of BC expressing serious concern about the threat of fire to our properties if the clearing of this mature forest for a road went ahead under a future LOO. I can provide this correspondence upon request.

The CNSC now appears to be proceeding with gathering support letters to bolster their application with the Province of BC, without actually speaking with any of us property owners who would be directly affected by their proposed plan.

I request that you do not provide a letter of support for the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club's application without first understanding our concerns with their expansion plan, in particular the heightened risk of fire to our properties. The current mature forest stays cooler and moister than the surrounding developed areas, which protects our neighbourhood from fire.

The area in which they propose to expand appears to be mostly outside of the City of Prince George and within the Regional District of Fraser Fort George (see Map 1).

Sincerely,
Michelle Connolly, MSc
606 Freeman Street

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MAP 1

Municipalities - ABMS - Colour

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Old Growth Priority Deferral Area

- TAP Classification Label - Colour

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Old Growth Deferral Analysis -

Priority Old Forest Deferral Areas - Current

- Colour Themed

