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Mayor and Council  
City of Prince George  
1600 Patricia Boulevard  
Prince George, BC, V2L 3V9

Subject: Request for City of PG letter of support for CNSC tenure expansion

Dear Mayor and Council

CNSC is requesting a letter of support from the City of Prince George for the expansion of its tenure area through a request for a licence of occupation of adjacent vacant crown land.

As past General Manager, I am writing this letter in an effort to reiterate the value that CNSC provides to the Community. I understand that this letter may be published for an online council meeting agenda.

CNSC is a not-for-profit organization that has been providing an opportunity for Prince George residents to enjoy the beautiful outdoor, natural setting that we have here in the north, enhancing their community experience through activities such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, hiking, trail running, and disc golf.

While CNSC does require membership fees for use of the facilities during the winter, (to cover costs of grooming and facilities) it does not require fees for accessing the single track trails or the ski trails for hiking/biking/trail running in the off season. Many community folks enjoy the trails year round at no cost.

CNSC has also provided millions in economic benefits to the area by hosting national and international skiing and biathlon competitions. CNSC membership continues to grow due to its affordability and accessibility to both individuals and families of Prince George .

CNSC has many good standing relationships with business and community groups including, PG Cycling Club, PG Road Runners running club, PG Naturalists society, PG Outdoor Recreation Society, Greenway Society, PG Iceman Society to name a few. CNSC has recently entered into a

formal partnership arrangement with the Lheidli T'enneh and has had a long standing relationship for School District 57 providing ski lessons to its students.

The CNSC network of trails are located on a combination of crown land under tenure to CNSC through licenses of occupation and on private land through land use agreements between the land owners and CNSC. The majority of the private land is slowly but continuously being removed from our use agreements as they are developed for gravel extraction.

To remain viable in the future, the club needs to consider expansion into adjacent, and suitably zoned vacant crown land to ensure it has suitable area to provide trails. Should CNSC be successful in its request for a license of occupation for these adjacent crown lands a separate independent public comment process would be undertaken to develop various trails through a portion of those lands at some future point. The development of trails requires careful planning to ensure specific engineering goals, environmental values and social concerns are considered.

To help ensure the continued success of CNSC that enhances our community experience here in the north, please consider providing a letter of support for the tenure expansion.

Kind regards,

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Gillian Recknell, past General Manager, CNSC.