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Chair and Directors;

I am writing in support of the application from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (CNSC) regarding the expansion of its license of occupation area at Otway Nordic Centre, 8141 Otway Road.

It appears inevitable that CNSC will lose the trails situated on land the local gravel company owns and has generously allowed the Club to use for many years. When I and my family were introduced to CNSC in the early 1990's, the Club was much smaller and has grown substantially since then. I believe acquiring new access to expand trail systems is crucial for the future of the Club. I think one of the most appealing aspects of cross country skiing is the peace and serenity one experiences while skiing in an absolutely beautiful setting. My two sons who are now in their 30's and live here in PG, still ski at Otway and my hope is that my grandsons, who also enjoy the facility, will have the opportunity to ski at Otway for many years to come.

The trails committee has done an absolutely stellar job creating the trail system we presently enjoy. Over the years I have participated in many competitions at Otway and coaches and athletes from Canada, the US and Europe all remark on the superb, world class facility that has been established there.

My hope is you will give this application your unqualified support.

Yours truly,

David Duck