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To: Mayor and Council, City of Prince George

C/O: CityClerk@princegeorge.ca – please include this correspondence on Council meeting agenda

I am writing this letter to provide my support for the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club's (CNSC) application for tenure expansion through a License of Occupation granted through the Province of BC. **I am asking for you, as Mayor and Council, to also provide your support to CNSC's application through a letter of support.**

My family has been a member of the CNSC for over 15 years and CNSC is a major reason that we have chosen to stay in Prince George and raise our family. I believe that our health and well-being, especially in winter, is deeply linked to our ability to access the CNSC tenure area. We actively participate in children's and family programs; we volunteer at events and on the club's committees; and we deeply support the club's interests to provide ongoing opportunities through the process to secure access to Crown land through the appropriate authorities. This license of occupation will assist the CNSC in ensuring a sustainable and ongoing footprint on which to operate for decades to come. It also helps attract funding opportunities from other organizations, which are vital to continuing to provide services to members and growing infrastructure to meet future needs of members. CNSC also brings significant and growing economic opportunities to Prince George.

CNSC benefits from a very positive partnership relationship with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. CNSC also benefits from what I believe is dedicated, strategic, and responsive leadership on the board of directors, and from knowledgeable and passionate volunteers. These individuals have invested significant personal and professional expertise into the plans going forward for consideration to the Province of BC, including professional forestry advice and guidance on items like wildfire risk and mitigation, forest health, and safety considerations. These trails will also help provide access to manage fuels through any needed wildfire risk reduction activities (such as thinning or removing blowdown and dead trees). I support the plans and proposals given my own professional forestry experience.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge you to provide CNSC with a letter of support.

Thank you all for your dedication and leadership to the people of Prince George!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Prystawik