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Dear Mayor Yu & Council members:

I am writing in support of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club's application for the expansion of the license of occupation under which it operates at 8141 Otway Road in Prince George.

As a long-time member of CNSC and member of the board of directors, I feel strongly that CNSC is of considerable value to the community. Considering our membership of roughly 2500 and the many activities, training programs, and world-class competitions that take place at the CNSC facility, I believe it is clearly an important part of the culture of our community.

The expansion CNSC is requesting will allow the development of additional terrain for adventure ski trails and single-track trails for summer activities including hiking, running, and cycling. This application is important because a significant portion of the trail system which is secured only by a private land-use agreement could be lost if the private land in question changes ownership. Already a significant area of our dog-friendly trails has been lost due to expansion of gravel pits. The land covered by the expansion application will help our club to continue to offer a quality wilderness experience for our members and aid in maintaining CNSC as a place people from all around the world want to visit.

It is my understanding that development of the proposed land expansion has the support of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, and all development will be carried out with respect and consideration for the environment, the CNSC membership, other land-use commitments, and the interests of neighbouring residents.

I hope you will see fit to support this application. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Andrew Watkinson  
Director of Facilities  
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