Subject: FW: Letter in support of land tenure application by CNSC

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Subject: Re: Letter in support of land tenure application by CNSC

August 28th, 2023,

City of Prince George 1600 Patricia Boulevard Prince George BC V2L 3V9

To: Mayor & Council

Please include this correspondence on a Council meeting agenda.

My partner and I are from Ontario, and we decided to study, live and make Prince George our home mainly because of the quality of the ski facilities Prince George had to offer at CNSC. I was a ski guide for a visually impaired skier during the World Para Championships that took place at Otway several years back. After seeing the facility, my partner and I decided to come to Prince George to study and work. My partner studied social work and works as a social worker in Prince George, and I work for Engage Sport North as director of high performance. We would never have made Prince George our home had it not been for the quality of the ski center. We have lost some trail sections in the past year due to gravel exaction. I understand this is private land we have been very fortunate to use. Nevertheless, we need to expand our land tenure to maintain and improve our cross-country skiing trail system. Many of our friends who are in the northern medical program and who are former racers have chosen to study at UNBC because of the quality of the cross-country ski trail network. As such, we fully support this land tenure application by CNSC and hope the mayor and city council will also support it. We hope the mayor and council can see that this trail network and the club contribute to attracting and retaining young professionals to the region on top of the other benefits such as health, social, and financial benefits this site brings to the area.

Thank you,

Simon Lamarche

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