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Mayor and Council:

I am writing in support of the application from Caledonia Nordic Ski Club, (CNSC) regarding the expansion of its licence of occupation area at Otway Nordic Centre – 8141 Otway Road. My family has been involved with CNSC for more than 30 years and over that time have enjoyed the recreational opportunities offered at Otway. We have been volunteers with youth programmes, school ski, served on the board for many years and continue to volunteer for competitions.

Over the years we have enjoyed the variety of trails that have gradually expanded to meet the needs of a growing and vibrant club. We have always appreciated the generosity of the neighbouring gravel company, allowing us to use their land on a year-to-year basis. We realize that eventually this land will be needed for its gravel, and we will lose the trail network there. There is an opportunity for CNSC to acquire an area of crown land on the west side of Cranbrook Hill that would help compensate for the potential loss of the gravel company land. This crown land is adjacent to our property at CNSC, but it is gradually being privatized, which will seriously and negatively impact expansion hopes and plans. It is important that CNSC acquire these lands with your support as soon as possible.

There is also a very small parcel of land next to the “Dog Trails” that would be a helpful addition to CNSC as these dog-friendly trails are VERY popular and highly used. Your support in the acquisition of this parcel of land would also be appreciated.

We have an amazing group of volunteers, including a very active trails committee and I am confident the requested land would be thoughtfully added to the trails network and would be well used by the expanding membership.

I hope you will give this application your complete support, ensuring a secure and viable future for this valuable year-round recreational facility.

Sincerely

Mary L. Duck