

Prince George City Council
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Re: Request for City Support – Maintenance Equipment for New Paved Trail
Network at Caledonia Nordic Ski Club

Dear Prince George City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is John Bowes, and I serve as the General Manager of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club. I am writing to formally request the City of Prince George's support in maintaining our newly constructed paved trail network, which represents a major development in sport and recreation infrastructure for our community and region.

This 3-kilometre competition-grade paved trail is the first of its kind in northern B.C. and is already attracting significant national attention. We have secured confirmed bookings for week-long training camps from Biathlon Canada, the Canadian National Para Nordic Team, and a Northern BC development camp. We are also in discussions with the Canadian National Cross Country Ski Team and Team Alberta regarding future camps and competitions. This infrastructure will solidify Prince George's position as a premier destination for year-round training and competition in Canada.

At this time, while the trail construction is complete and the surface is ready for use, we have not yet acquired specialized equipment for regular maintenance. To ensure the trail remains clear of debris and meets the expectations of our national sport partners, we are requesting temporary support from the City of Prince George in the form of access to your sidewalk clearing machines.

Specifically, we are looking for light machinery equipped with a brush attachment that can sweep the paved surface without damaging it. This support would be requested on a short-term, interim basis while we continue to secure long-term maintenance equipment through our own channels.

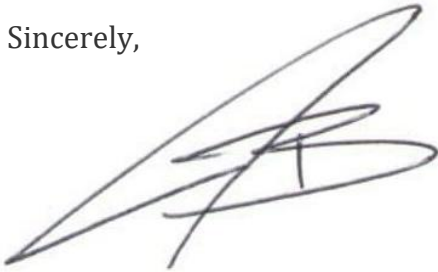


The financial implication for the City would be limited to in-kind use of existing staff and equipment, most likely on an as-needed basis during key booking periods. The City's early support would demonstrate its commitment to promoting Prince George as a sport tourism destination, while supporting a volunteer-led organization that continues to invest in high-level infrastructure benefiting the broader community.

We believe this trail will bring substantial economic benefit to Prince George through athlete and team visits, increased tourism, and national exposure. Early collaboration with the City will be crucial in ensuring the venue meets the high standards expected of national-level athletes and federations.

Thank you for considering this request. I would be happy to provide further information or meet to discuss this opportunity in more detail.

Sincerely,



John Bowes
General Manager
Caledonia Nordic Ski Club
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