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NOVEMBER 3rd, 1988

Mr Terry Doyle
Village of Nelson-Miramichi
P.O. Box 40
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EOC 1T0

Dear Mr Doyle:

Thank you for your letter dated September 19, 1988 informing us of the councils decision to offer the cross country skiing equipment and facilities of Nelson for use by the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club. On behalf of the club executive I would like to thank you and the village council for this generous offer.

Subsequent to receiving your letter and our meeting with the Nelson council and Jim Wolstenholme, the MCCSC executive have met to discuss the proposal. At this meeting there were a number of issues and concerns raised which I would like to pass on to you for review by council.

The executive have decided that when the club is relocated the clubhouse and other buildings will be moved to the new site and utilized in some fashion. In the event that the new Chalet becomes a reality we could use the old clubhouse for a Jackrabbit building or for a waxing building. Another area of major concern is that of trails. Presently about 95% of the membership are recreational skiers and require trails that are relatively flat terrain and long enough to accommodate the needs of the seasoned skiers. Presently the MCCSC maintains a 1, 2.5, 5, 7.5 and a 15km trail network. Also on trails, there should be the potential for a loppet trail of between 25 and 40 kms. This would not need to be in place prior to a move and we do not see this as being a problem.

Another very important issue is that of a long term lease on the land where the club would be located. Presently, the MCCSC club is entering it's seventh year of a ten year lease from the Village of Douglastown. A long term lease is necessary in obtaining certain types of grants and funding from government programs. It also reassures the club of the commitment by the Municipality for the long term viability both for the club and the sport in general.

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Basically, because of the lack of adequate recreational trails at the Nelson site and our commitment to hosting a Loppet during the 1988/89 season, we do not feel that we could accommodate a move to the Nelson site before the spring of 1989. This, however, may not be that bad as it will give Nelson time to develop recreational trails at their site as well as giving the MCCSC membership a chance to ski on the Nelson trails and become familiar with the location through our reciprocal membership arrangement. We could then exercise our option at the Annual general meeting in early April to finalize the decision.

Overall, if the decision is to relocate the MCCSC club to the Nelson site, we would like to make the transfer a smooth one with little disruption and as many of the membership in tack as possible. We also would like to offer as much assistance as possible to the Nelson club in the area of designing trails and in any other way we can.

I trust that this will meet with council's approval and look forward to hearing with you.

Yours in skiing



Norman Brown
President, MCCSC

COPIES: Major Vince McCarthy
Peggy Doyle
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NELSON SKI SITE PROPOSAL
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW
MARCH 9, 1989
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Assuming no grant/s forthcoming:

- 1 The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club will be governed entirely by the club executive as it has in the past. This includes controlling trails setting policies and guidelines regarding the use of the trails and facilities and the setting of all programs for the season.
- 2 There must be adequate recreational trails in place prior to start of ski season. All recreational trails must be relatively flat terrain & suitable for beginners and older skiers.
Minimum requirements would be:
 1. A 2-3 km trail.
 2. A 5 km trail.
 3. A 10-15 km trail.
- 3 No ski trails except a loppet trail will cross an open road or follow an existing skidoo trail.
- 4 The existing clubhouse and Jackrabbit building must be relocated and used by the club. The existing clubhouse must be supplied with water, electricity and sewage.
- 5 All skiing facilities at Nelson site to be used entirely for cross country skiing activities during the ski season unless otherwise approved by the MCCSC executive.
- 6 MCCSC executive to be responsible for the selection & hiring of all trail and clubhouse workers.
- 7 A letter of commitment from the Village of Nelson allowing the MCCSC ski club to operate at the Nelson site for a period of time (to be mutually agreed upon between MCCSC and Nelson).

Questions arising from above items:

From 2. How much funds are available from the Village of Nelson?

From 3. This may be a problem. Will have to be investigated.

From 4. How much funds are available from the Village of Nelson?

From 5 & 6. Is this a problem?

From 7. Would ten years be acceptable?

From 1,4,5,6. Same would apply if new ski chalet becomes a reality.

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357 SKYLINE AVE.,
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APRIL 19, 1989

Mr Terry Doyle
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Dear Mr Doyle:

This letter is to inform you of the decision by the membership of the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club to relocate the clubhouse. It is with regret that I inform you that the decision made at our annual general meeting held on April 8th was to relocate to the Williston Rd extension in Douglastown.

I do not know what this means to the Village of Nelson in terms of your efforts towards establishing cross country skiing as a recreational sport in the Village of Nelson. I do know however, that we are still interested in working with the Village of Nelson towards improving the sport of cross country skiing in this region. I would like to extend an invitation to the Village council to work with the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club towards that end.

I would like to thank you and the other members of council for the generous offer that was made to the ski club. It is very gratifying to see that kind of enthusiasm and commitment by a municipality. I am attaching a copy of my annual report to the annual general meeting for your information.

Yours in skiing



Norman Brown
President,
Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club

cc. Major Vince McCarthy
Peggy Doyle
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MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 8, 1989

President's Report

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Welcome one and all to another annual general meeting of the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club. Your club has just completed another successful season. Due to the late start in skiing (early January) our membership was down some compared to last year when we started in November. Our membership for this year was approximately 350.

Although our numbers were down some, most of our programs were very successful with some showing great improvement. I am also happy to report that the club was able to purchase an Alpine II ski-doo for trail grooming purposes. This machine is a very valuable addition to the club and should serve us for many years to come.

Before I comment on the various programs I want to mention briefly the decision that you as members will be asked to make tonite. And that is where the ski club should relocate to. The two locations which are being considered are Nelson and the Williston road extension in the village of Douglastown. In making your decision as a member of the club I would ask that you consider the Pro's & Con's of each and base your decision on where you feel the club will best be served as well as where cross country skiing in this region will prosper the most. This decision will likely have the greatest impact on the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club since it's formation some 15 years ago. Please give carefull consideration to your decision. (A list of pro's & con's of both locations are attached for your information)

This year the junior race team under the direction of coach Vernon Goodfellow did very well. One of the highlights of the year was the awarding of the "knut Grotterod" trophy for the most improved club of the year in the Fraser cup race circuit. Another highlight of the year was the fact that Chris Dunnett was named to the Provincial race team. Not only did Chris ski with the Provincial team but he was selected to participate at the Canadian junior nationals held in Cape North Nova Scotia in February. Well done Chris!!

Publicity Program:

Our publicity was the best ever this year with Vern Potter doing just an outstanding job both on the local Radio station and in the papers. The weekly ski report on the radio was responsible for many new skiers joining the club this year. Good work Vern!!

Instruction Program:

Another "Best Ever" program. Under the coordination of Joey Doucet there were more instructions given on more weekends than ever before. Good work Joey!!

Miramichi Loppet:

Although hampered by bad weather conditions on both attempts, The 4th annual Miramichi loppet came off without a hitch. Comments from the participant's suggest that the trails were excellent. Many thanks must go to Vincent Driscoll, Donnie Preston and Roger Anderson for their "all-nite" effort to keep the trails packed during a major snowstorm. A job well done by Loppet coordinator Mel Russell and his helpers.

Jackrabbit Program:

Again this year the Jackrabbit program proved to be one of the most popular. This program is also responsible for many adults joining the club as a result of the children's participation. The annual "Mini-thon" is becoming a very popular event not only for our club but for other ski clubs in the Miramichi/Kent region. This year saw some ninety young skier's participate. Good work Bunny!!

School Program:

The school program, now in it's sixth year of operation is still the only one of it's kind in the Province. Although the number of participants were down some this year, the program is still popular with the junior to high school level skiers. This program has great potential and we hope that some day it will be a part of the New Brunswick school sports curriculum. Good work Colleen!!

Trails and Social:

This year both trails and social were without a coordinator. This situation really hurt in the case of social. Social events are very important to a healthy club. We need to get back to having members looking forward to attending special events at the club. We must all count our blessings this past year in that we had Vincent Driscoll as our head trails maintenance worker. Vincent has, in the past two years acquired a wealth of knowledge in trail grooming and tracksetting. Our trails this year were as good or better than most in the province. Good work Vincent!!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the excellent job done by our secretary and treasurer Diane Johnston and Cathy Arseneault.

I would like to thank the following people and organizations for their help and assistance over the past year, without which our ski club would not be able to operate. Many thanks go to our MLA John McKay for helping us obtain workers through various grants, Miramichi Pulp and Paper for their generous donation towards the purchase of the Alpine II, Village of Douglastown for the many services they provide to the ski club, Rene Pelletier, Dept of Youth for assistance with the sport profile, Jim Hennessey and Vern Potter, Dept of Tourism for their help with the Loppet, Newcastle Fire Department for donating their hall for use by the cloggers during the Loppet, Gerry Tweedie for her assistance in running the canteen at the club, Irving Oil for their donations toward the mini-thon, and finally to those I might have missed and the members of the executive who worked so very hard to make our ski club programs a success, I thank you all.

In closing, I wish you all the best in your decision regarding the relocation of the ski club and look forward to being a part of the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club organization no matter where it may be. Hope to see you all on the trails next year!

Yours in skiing,



Norman Brown
President,
Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club

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Douglastown (Williston RD Ext)

NELSON

1. Existing recreational trails.
2. Has location for our clubhouse.
3. Lots of land for expansion.

1. Existing competition trails.
2. Has location for our clubhouse.
3. Financial assist available for move.
4. On-going financial assistance for X-C skiing from council.
5. Municipal support in securing grants for workers.
6. Has cover for trails. (Trees)
7. Municipality seeking funding for better facilities (ie: new chalet & lighted trails).
8. 150 acre's dedicated to X-C skiing.

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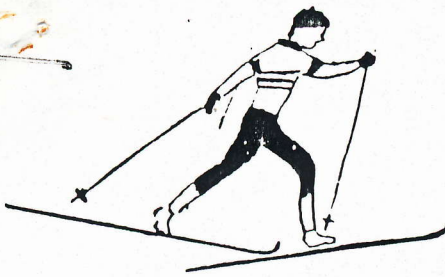
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Douglastown (Williston RD Ext)

Nelson

1. No Competition trails.
(Would need to be developed)
2. No financial funding currently available from Village.
3. Poor cover for trails as result of fire. (Will get worse!)
4. No land dedicated to X-C skiing.
(Including existing trails)
5. No current long range plans for development of X-C skiing by the Village.

1. No recreational trails.
(Would need to be developed)
2. Limited land for future expansion.



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April 16, 1991

Village of Nelson-Miramichi
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Sirs:

This is to confirm that the Miramichi Cross-Country Ski Club has made the decision to amalgamate with your ski club and to move to your Village. We have added an Executive position, a Municipal Representative, to which Walter O'Toole has been elected. There will be many decisions to be made over the next year concerning administration, trails, etc., and with the cooperation we have been receiving from the Village and its representatives, the transition should go smoothly.

We especially would like to thank Mayor Vince McCarthy, Councillor Terry Doyle, and Peggy Doyle for their cooperation and encouragement this past year. Our joint reciprocal membership arrangement was well received and it allowed our skiers to become familiar with your trails. Feedback from the skiers was positive.

In order for the Club to grow and prosper, it will be necessary to put a priority on completing a long touring trail. We have already begun planning such a trail with the assistance of Clayton Doyle and Bunnie Dempsey. This trail will appeal to the vast majority of our members who enjoy touring. Also, we would like to host a major provincial event next season. This would attract a large number of skiers and provide a great deal of publicity.

April 16, 1991

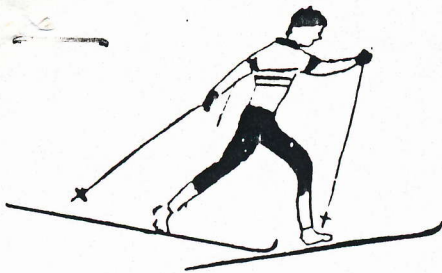
Over the past year, we identified a few minor changes which would make the existing trails more usable. With these changes and a promotion campaign in the fall, we look forward to an increase membership and a healthy club.

Yours very truly,

MIRAMICHI CROSS-COUNTRY
SKI CLUB

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Norman Brown, President



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April 16, 1991

Village of Douglastown
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Sirs:

The Miramichi Cross-Country Ski Club recently decided it would have to relocate. Among the factors influencing the difficult decision are the following:

1. McKinnon Road is now open year round and cuts the trails;
2. The forest fire destroyed all of the cover north of the McKinnon Road leaving the trails exposed to wind and drifting. Also, the dead trees are continually falling onto the trails;
3. The trails are not secure - one land owner doesn't want us on his property and has forbid further trail development. Other land developers are coming closer to the trails each year.

We sincerely appreciate the offer to use Village land on Williston Road Extension. This site would have made the club more accessible to members but the fire damage would still be a problem and the land in that vicinity is serviced and ripe for subdivision development.

We examined several alternative sites but most either suffered damage from the 1986 forest fire or did not offer security for the trails. We ultimately chose to amalgamate with the Nelson ski club which now has a variety of wooded trails and plans to develop a further eight to ten kilometres this summer.

Village of Douglastown

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April 16, 1991

This will be the fourth move for the club, and we regret having to leave Douglastown after ten years. On behalf of the club and its Executive, I wish to thank the Village for its excellent cooperation, support and generosity.

Yours very truly,

MIRAMICHI CROSS-COUNTRY
SKI CLUB

Norman Brown, President