



MIRAMICHI



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Attention: Mr. Terry Cooke
Preventative Maintenance General Superintendent

Mr. Cooke

Volunteer groups are an essential part of every community. Organizations such as our Kinsmen, Lions, Rotary and JC Clubs are continuously working to improve the quality of life for all residents. The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club is also a volunteer organization that provides a valuable service to the community.

At our facility, located in the former village of Nelson-Miramichi, approximately 30 kilometres of ski and cycling trails are maintained during the winter and summer. Trails are classified from jackrabbit (children up to the age of 12) beginner, intermediate and advanced and provide challenges equal to individual expertise. Cross country skiing is healthy and fun. It is considered to be the best all round aerobic exercise for improving cardio vascular fitness and relieving stress. These trails offer a healthy, family oriented recreation opportunity as well as a training ground for young Miramichi athletes who aspire to provincial and national competition.

Maintaining these trails to a high degree of user safety is a very labour intensive process. Our club does not own any type of heavy mechanical equipment with which we could handle and move large items. Because culverts, bridges and cribwork must sometimes be built in remote areas and may not be easily accessed by such heavy equipment the majority of this work is done manually by a small group of dedicated members using basic levering, hoisting and dragging techniques. In some cases stringers for crossing streams and gulleys can be as much as 50 feet long!

It has come to our attention that your company may have some hand operated equipment that has been retired from service either because of new upgraded replacements or because specific functions are no longer performed that employ the use of this equipment. If either of these scenarios is the case, items such as block and tackle assemblies, chain hoists, cable pullers, come-alongs, HD mechanical jacks or hydraulic jacks would be extremely useful to us in our efforts.

Upon identifying what equipment qualifies and confirming no prior arrangements for its disposal have been made, we ask that you consider making a donation of this equipment to the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club. The equipment would come under the direct control of the club executive and would immediately be put back into service for a good cause. Thank you for your attention regarding this request and we look forward to your favourable reply.

Regards


John Locke
Trail Co-ordinator