



# MIRAMICHI

20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MIRAMICHI



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**Attention: Michael Waye**

Dear Michael,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Miramichi Cross-Country Ski Club to request financial assistance from the Newcastle Recreation & Leisure organization to assist the club with the purchase of a new tracksetter and groomer.

The Miramichi Cross-Country Ski Club (MCCSC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing cross country skiing programs and facilities to people of all ages. MCCSC provides many programs to skiers such as the popular National, Jackrabbit program which is for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Other programs include instructional skiing, the touring award program, as well as an active social program. The club is now in its twentieth year of continuous operation and currently offers 25 kilometres of groomed cross country ski trails. Our facilities are made available to schools, Boy Scouts, Big Brothers, and other community organizations.

The club has a skier base of approximately 500 which includes members as well as day pass skiers. Approximately 70% or 350 of these skiers are made up of people from the former Town of Newcastle. This includes skiers of all ages from the four year old toddler to the senior citizen. Cross country skiing is a natural for family participation.

The MCCSC club operates entirely on revenues from membership fees and daily trail fees. The club does not receive any financial assistance from the municipality or other sources. All of the club's executive and program leaders are strictly volunteers. In the past, we have benefited from some government grants for workers. However, this year we are told most of

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the programs are being terminated. We therefore expect a substantial reduction in the club's resources.

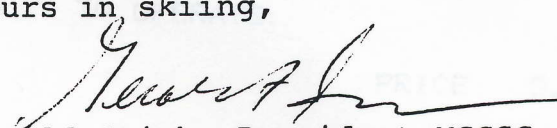
This year in order to properly maintain our network of ski trails, we are trying to obtain a new tracksetter and groomer. The tracksetter costs \$4,270.00 including shipping and taxes. The cost of the groomer is \$2,126.00 including shipping and taxes, for a total of \$6,396.00.


We believe that the club could raise sufficient funds to purchase the groomer this year. We would be extremely grateful if your organization could support the ski club for the cost of the tracksetter. Of course, any donation towards the cost of this equipment would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you would like to have a representative of the club available for more detailed information.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours in skiing,

  
Gerald Smith, President MCCSC

  
Kim Lehnert, Youth Programs  
Coordinator