



100 Mile Nordics

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Ministry of Forests, Lands,
Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development

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RE: BC Rural Dividend Program – Request for Special Circumstances Funding

Dear Sir or Madam:

The 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society in partnership with the Cariboo Regional District are pleased to submit an application for assistance for the installation of a x- country ski trail lighting system for the 100 Mile Nordics ski facility. We are requesting \$388,375 (90.4% of the total lighting project cost). We believe this request fits under your *Request for Special Circumstances Funding* area because of the important role the Nordics recreation facility plays in the region. During this time of rebuilding community resilience after the 2017 wildfires, the Nordics facility, with lights, will be a full functioning facility that will continue to contribute to providing a healthy community; to attracting people to the region which in turn contributes to local businesses; and to community wellness as a whole.

The 100 Mile Nordic Ski Society (the Nordics) is a not for profit society (incorporated 1976, S-12808) that encourages healthy and active living through competitive and recreational x-country skiing and snowshoeing. The Society is a registered member of Cross Country BC, a Division of Cross Country Canada.

The Nordics are situated just 10 minutes south of 100 Mile House, BC. The Nordics offer over 50km of groomed ski trails for both classic and skate skiing, 3.5km of lighted trail for late afternoon or evening skiing and 7km of snowshoe trails. The Nordics attract skiers and snowshoers from across the Cariboo Region, the province of BC and Europe. The facility and trails are situated at an altitude of 1160 meters, the facility benefits from abundant snow and outstanding ski conditions. The Nordics host over 500 ski and snowshoe recreationalists per season, offer youth Skill Development Lessons and run a

ski school program for elementary school youth.

The Nordics mandate is... "to provide a cross-country ski facility to and for the public through the continued development and maintenance of the ski lodge and trail system."

The Nordics have a Partnership Agreement with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development for the trail system and the lodge.

SKI TRAIL LIGHTING:

The original ski trail system of the 100 Mile Nordics was developed in the mid 1980's, specifically for the youth ski-racing program. 3.5-kilometer of trail lighting was installed along with the original trails. The current light system consists of 86 power poles with 86, 175- 400 watt mercury vapor (HID) lamps. The lighting system is obsolete, high maintenance, and no longer safe. It needs to be replaced or come down.

A new, energy efficient, up to date, trail lighting system would consist of approximately 4 kilometers of trail lighting installed along existing ski trails.

The new lighting system would be wired underground and consist of 78 metal poles, 78, 60 Watt LED Phillips lamps, plus wiring and fixtures. This system would be virtually maintenance free and fire proof with a life span of over 30 years.

Letters of support from the community are attached.

We appreciate your time on reviewing our application and are hopeful that you will support the Nordics in continuing to provide a full functioning recreation facility for the Community of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Region. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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