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Manager Community Services  
Cariboo Regional District



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Dear Darron

The Cariboo Ski Touring Club is looking forward to staging major events for the 2024 BC Winter Games with great enthusiasm. We will be the hosting club and venue for the Cross country Ski Racing, Biathlon events and the Para Nordics. In addition to that, our venue may host the Special Olympics cross country ski events for their 2024 Provincial competition.

The Biathlon range at the Hallis Lake venue is a key piece of infrastructure that we have been seeking approval to modernize and improve for three years. We had not been able to proceed with infrastructure improvements or fundraising without approval from Recreation and Trail Sites BC. In April 2023 we finally received approval. This leaves a very short timeline to finance the project which needs to be completed by the end of October due to weather constraints. Most of the opportunities for funding have closed. There are very few still possible given the time required for proposal intake and grant decision making. Completing this infrastructure improvement this construction season is crucial so that our venue is ready for the BC Winter Games.

The Project Budget adds to \$80,000. We are hoping that West Fraser will donate the lumber and plywood valued at \$10,691 and that club members will donate approximately 50% (or \$17,000) of the project labour. The club will contribute \$5,000. A request has also been made to the City of Quesnel. This leaves a cash requirement for the biathlon project of \$47,310. All possible funding sources will be investigated. We ask that the Cariboo Regional District consider providing financial assistance to complete this project.

The CSTC has hosted many BC Cup Biathlon races on alternating years each of which brings competitors from all over BC, and in future we will also host Provincial level Cross Country Ski races. Funding for this project from the Cariboo Regional District would be most welcome so that we can attempt to complete this project prior to hosting the BCWG. The project will enhance hosting events at Hallis Lake bringing significant economic benefits to the community.

Yours Truly



Tania Black, President

Cariboo Ski Touring Club