

Presentation to
Planning and Development Committee
County of Grey

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Glenelg Nordic Ski Club (GNSC)

Municipality of West Grey - near Markdale

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Purpose of Presentation

- **To ask approval to develop a partnership agreement between the County of Grey and Glenelg Nordic Ski Club:**
 - to allow GNSC to erect a building suitable for storage of its trail grooming and maintenance equipment on land in the County of Grey Forest #24
- **To enable GNSC to continue to contribute to a healthy lifestyle, tourism, and economic development in Grey County**

Today's Agenda

- **GNSC History**
- **Location**
- **Benefits of GNSC**
- **Background to Request**
- **Proposal**
- **Opportunities from Proposal**
- **Next Steps & Questions**

GNSC – Brief History

- **1992:** GNSC organized, County of Grey permission to ski Forest #24
- **2004:** Incorporated as a not-for-profit with the Province of Ontario
- **2014:**
 - ~25 km of groomed, track-set trails
 - Volunteer-run, governed by Board of Directors, in good standing
 - 204 members
 - 248 day-users - winter visitor destination in West Grey
 - 22nd annual agreement with the County of Grey
 - Ski trail agreements with 6 adjacent private property owners
 - Off-road parking
 - Positive working relationship with & support from West Grey
 - Positive financial situation

GNSC Location – West Grey



Benefits of GNSC

- **Economic Development through Tourism**
 - Members live from Oshawa to Grimsby to London to Annan
 - Annual visits from Halton and High Park ski clubs
 - Exchanges with other Grey & Bruce Clubs promotes facility use and attracts local visitors.
- **Promotes healthy lifestyle option to Grey County residents**
 - Outdoor winter activity
 - Appeals to all age groups
 - Instruction in response to demand
- **Promotes multi-purpose use of the County Forest**
- **Strong volunteer organization promotes positive community engagement**

Background to Request

- **Trail grooming equipment & supplies have been stored at a member's home close to the ski trails**
- **There is a need to find a different location**
- **Criteria:**
 - Accessible in winter weather conditions
 - Close to ski trails
 - Site in public view (security)
 - Able to secure building
 - Long-term availability
 - Reasonable investment for Club & members

Proposal

GNSC Role

- Construct a 24' x 30' storage building on the County forest property
- Maintain the structure and access to the building
- Fund associated building & development costs
- Fund operating expenses
- Enter into a lease agreement for 20 years with an extension clause

County Role

- Provide the approval to build on a mutually agreeable site in the County Forest
- Apply for any required permits as land owner
- Enter into a lease agreement for 20 years with an extension clause

Opportunities from Proposal

- **Promotes Economic Development in Grey County**
 - Winter tourism destination, benefit to area
- **County will retain ownership of the land and building**
- **GNSC will fund construction and maintenance of the building**
- **Permanent storage site for equipment on County property**
 - Ensures ready access for ski trail grooming
 - Continuity of efficient operation of GNSC & community activity

Next Steps

- **GNSC to work with Grey County staff to explore the proposal further and provide the necessary details in order to seek Committee approval for presentation to Council**

Your Questions ?