



Lakeland Cross-Country
Ski Club

December 7, 2018

County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 – 49 Avenue
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4

Attn.: Mr. Tim Mahdiuk,

Dear Mr. Mahdiuk,

Re: Proposal of Lakeland Cross-Country Ski Club (LCCSC) to groom ski trails at Westcove Recreation Area in 2018-19 ski season.

We confirm and thank you for our positive discussions exploring the development of Westcove as a public cross-country skiing facility. We propose the following for this winter ski season:

A. Access, Parking and Signage

We understand that the main gate will soon be left open for the usual public access to the lake via the boat launch and that a snow berm is usually built across the road at the boat launch to prevent motor vehicle traffic into the park area. To prevent damage to groomed ski trails we request, in addition to the usual snow berm:

- snow removal at a designated site for public parking
- signage at the parking site indicating where to park
- signage at the snow berm stating: "Cross-Country skiers only past this point. No snowmobile traffic allowed in park" We ask that the County cover the cost of such signage that would of course be removed at the end of each winter season.
- permission to hang over or to bolt onto roadway signposts ski trail signage
- signage at the snow berm stating "ALL SKIERS MUST SIGN IN – SKIERS SKI AT THEIR OWN RISK" (see C. below) This signage and ski trail signage will be at the expense of LCCSC. This signage will be installed and removed by LCCSC.

B. Ski trail grooming and track setting

We propose to groom ski trails **at least twice this winter** as snow conditions permit on a minimum of 2 days notice to the County. This winter we will haul our snowmobile and grooming implements to Westcove. We propose to groom:

- on the roadway from the snow berm to the campground loops and back
- on some of the walking trails that are wide enough for our grooming equipment
- in the area west of the roadway to the western perimeter of the park including the fields near the ball diamond

We have determined together that skiers will be able to get around (or under) the locked lower gate near the park office. However, for grooming and track setting purposes we may need to unlock the lower gate. In that event we will make sure to lock the gate when we have completed grooming.

C. Cross-Country Skiing

We confirm that LCCSC, as a member club of Cross-Country Canada (CCC) carries \$10,000,000 public liability insurance for ski venue hosts, ski club volunteers, ski club members and non-member skiers who sign in. All ski-related activities are covered including: trail development, trail clearing, grooming and track setting and organized ski competitions as well as non-organized recreational ski activities.

Insurance coverage requires that all skiers sign in at the trailhead.

We will provide sign-in sheets and a weather-proof box indicated by a sign saying:

"ALL SKIERS MUST SIGN IN – SKIERS SKI AT THEIR OWN RISK"

A post will be required to affix the sign and weather-proof box.

Should the installation of such a post be required we ask that the County cover the cost of same.

We would also sincerely appreciate being able to use the main gazebo near the lake with a supply of firewood as a shelter and warming area for skiers.

LCCSC is excited to work with the County of St. Paul to develop Westcove as an outdoor winter recreation facility. Good communication and feedback as this project progresses is important. We are confident that together with the County, we will offer a safe, fun and healthy cross-country ski experience this winter.



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