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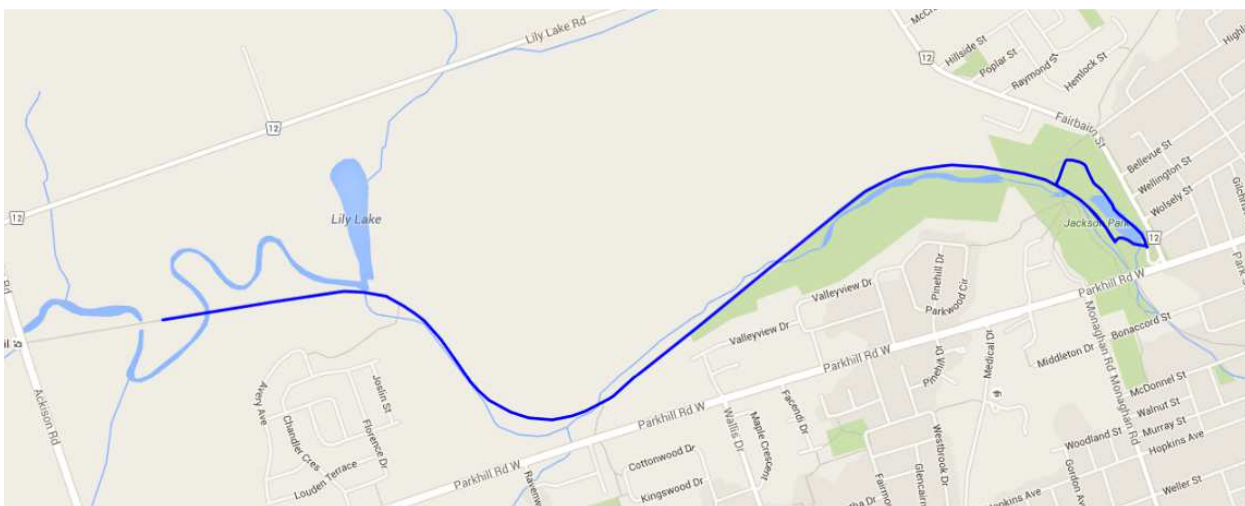
### Proposal to Groom the Trans Canada Trail in Jackson Park for Nordic Skiing

Sept 7, 2016

To: Gary Rabjohn, Chair of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.  
From: David Dame, President – Peterborough Nordic Club

#### Proposal:

To groom part of the Trans Canada trail in Jackson Park for Nordic skiing. Grooming would occur from the Fairbairn/Parkhill parking around the pond (900m), the south hill and then east along the trail just before Atkinson Road. (4.5k total) See map below. A groomer would be pulled behind a snow-mobile. Grooming has occurred for the past 3 years via man-power. We are seeking permission to use a snowmobile along the outlined section of the Trans Canada trail.



#### Peterborough Nordic Club

The Peterborough Nordic Club is an incorporated club with a 5-person Board of Directors. They would be the City's contact for any questions, comments or concerns. Incorporation papers will be presented Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Peterborough Nordic Club

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Website/Email TBA

#### Insurance

Peterborough Nordic Club will carry a \$5million liability coverage including Legal Expense Insurance to cover any legal fees incurred by the City. Insurance Quotes will be presented Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Benefits to the Community:

- Improved winter trail use for walkers, skiers, runners.
- Promotes health, wellness & fitness.
- Unique tourism opportunity having Nordic skiing within City limits.

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### **Cost to the City:**

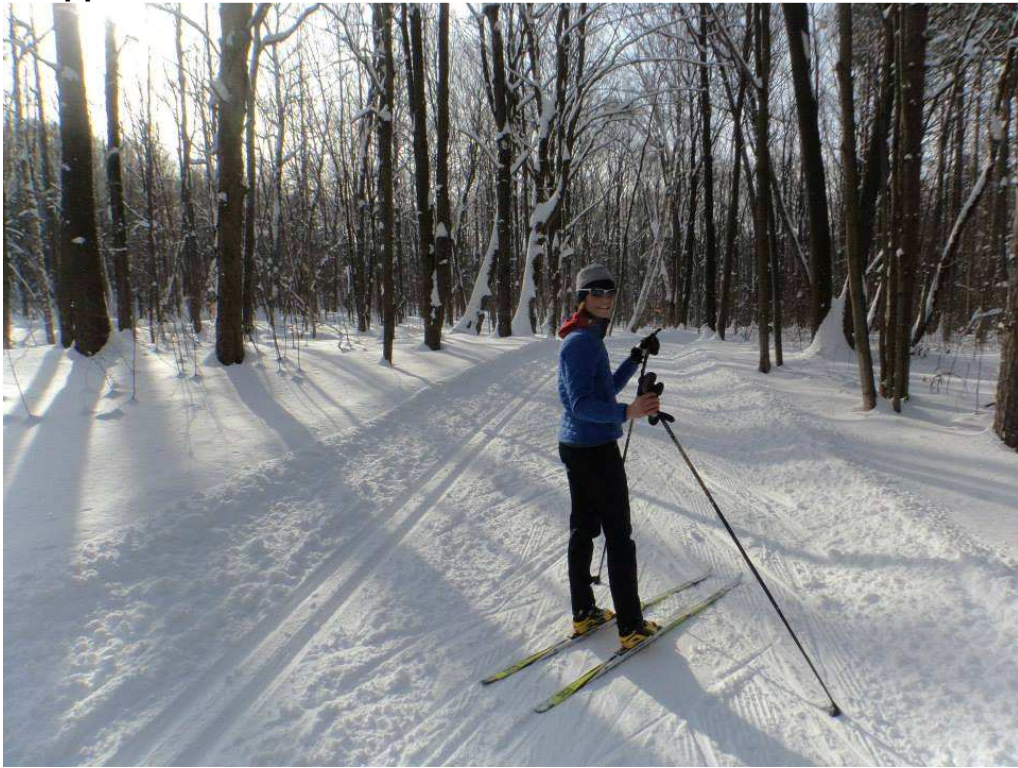
- Zero.
- All costs would be raised by the Peterborough Nordic Club. Interested individuals, clubs, businesses would donate to cover costs. Any shortfalls would be made up by Runner's Life.
- Grooming, advertising, signage with trail conditions, insurance would all be privately funded.

### **Experience in Grooming:**

- 3 years of grooming the trail with man-power.
- Participated in volunteer grooming at Kawartha Nordic Ski Club
- Grooming policy would be drawn up for City approval. Simply, the trails would be maintained from the first snow fall until the end of the season.
- Ski conditions would be posted via website. Unsafe conditions (ice storms) would close the trails to skiing.

### **Grooming:**

- A custom groomer has been built by a professional wood worker and we've been pulling it through Jackson Park the last 3 years. It's time consuming, tedious and difficult work that would be made simple with a snowmobile.
- The snowmobile would travel at a very slow rate (10km/hr. or under) and pull the groomer. Right of way would be given to anyone on the trail and the snowmobile would come to a complete stop.
- Signs would be posted when the groomer is in use.
- The groomer would generally be out within 12 hours of a snow fall.
- If necessary, the grooming could be done at night.
- Grooming would be for skating and classic style
- Full Grooming Policy will be presented Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- It would look like the picture below.



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September 2, 2016

To the Peterborough City Parks & Recreation Board,

I am writing in support of the Peterborough Nordic Club's proposal to groom Jackson Park for Nordic Skiing from the perspective of the Head Nordic Ski Coach at Adam Scott CVI. Jackson Park is our key local training area for Nordic skiing during the winter months. It is the best local area for Nordic skiing for the following reasons:

- it has the best snow conditions (snow is protected from wind and sun by the valley walls)
- it contains flat sections and an excellent training hill
- it is easily accessible to Adam Scott, St Peter's High school and TASS (the three main high school Nordic teams) as well as Crestwood and Kenner (which may finally have a team this year)

High school Nordic ski teams are growing significantly in our city and we badly need local ski trails to train on. When we get large amounts of snow, it is difficult to ski on. We have to pack out a small section of trail with

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our skis which is time consuming and not an optional solution. Having local groomed trails within the city (as many Ontario towns and cities currently have) would also promote this growing healthy, active, and safe sport among the general population as well.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Peterson

Head Nordic Ski Coach Adam Scott CVI