

The set of questions below can be, but are not required to be, addressed in your biography.

- What background and experiences would you bring to the board?
Ski facility design & construction, competitions experience, level III cross country official, level III cross country coach (retired).
Bachelor of Science in Forestry, 25 years forest industry operations, policy and law.
Forestry Consultant 25 years. Forest tenure, forest & landscape level planning, forest policy analysis, woodlot management, road engineering.
- Have you served on the CNSC board or other boards before (describe)?
CNSC board multiple years, Cross Country BC board multiple years, Engage Sport board multiple years, various small business company boards, seed orchard company board.

What are your reasons for offering to serve on the board?

To continue working on facility improvements, land tenure management, CNSC sponsored competitions, club plans & governance.

- What would you hope to accomplish as a board member?
Meaningful contributions to the above.
- In your view, what is the responsibility of a board member? **Provide guidance in areas of expertise, promote opportunities to enhance the club and its services.**
- In light of club purposes as outlined in the Constitution (link below), what opportunities and challenges do you see facing the club and think the club should address? **Secure land tenure and development options for programs, casual/recreational facility users, and competitions at multiple levels.**

The club's purposes are established in the Constitution available at this link:<https://caledonianordic.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2017-2018-cnsc-constitution.pdf>

Completing a biography indicates your agreement to have this information publicly posted on the CNSC website.

Candidate Profile – President

Kevin Charlston

As a Professional Forester and long-time resident of Prince George for 18 years, I am deeply connected to both the outdoors and our community. I have been a member of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (CNSC) for 16 years, and my passion for the activities and programs at Otway has only grown during that time. I am an active year-round user of the club's trails, and the Club has played an important role in my family's life.

I was elected to the CNSC Board in October 2024 and have served as Vice President over the past year, including as Acting President in May and June 2025. In this role, I have focused on strengthening governance, supporting operations, and advancing strategic initiatives. Highlights include representing the Club at the Cross Country BC Annual General Meeting, collaborating on a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan, drafting a Sustainability Plan aligned with international standards, supporting the transition of our grooming fleet to renewable diesel, and researching accessibility-focused grant opportunities to improve Lodge and trail access.

My motivation to serve as President comes from a deep appreciation for the Club's positive impact on members and the broader community. I have seen how CNSC provides programs and opportunities to people of all ages, fostering inclusion, health, and lifelong participation in outdoor recreation. Serving on the Board of Directors allows me to give back to an organization that plays such a vital role in promoting recreation, wellness, and community connection.

As President, my goals are to strengthen financial sustainability and operational excellence, advance environmental stewardship and accessibility initiatives, enhance member engagement and volunteer participation, foster collaboration with community partners and other Nordic clubs, and support youth and athlete development programs that inspire lifelong participation in sport.

I believe the responsibility of a Board member is to act as a steward of the Club's mission—balancing long-term vision with practical decision-making that supports members, staff, and volunteers. The Club faces opportunities and challenges, including adapting to changing environmental conditions and managing expanding facility use. These are exciting times for CNSC, and with thoughtful planning and teamwork, we can continue to build on our strong foundation.

It would be an honor to continue serving the membership as President.

Caledonia Nordic Ski Club – Board of Directors Biography

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Background and Experience

I am currently a member of the UNBC Ski Team and was previously on the Para National Ski Team for four years. Over the past two years living in Prince George, I've enjoyed exploring our amazing trail systems and becoming part of the local ski community. While I don't yet have board experience, I bring strong passion, empathy, and a deep commitment to making the ski community inclusive and welcoming for everyone.

Previous Board Experience

I have not previously served on a board, but I view that as an advantage—I bring a fresh perspective free of politics or bias. I am eager to learn, adapt quickly, and contribute meaningfully to the board's work.

Reasons for Serving

As both a competitive skier and a community member, I want to represent the interests of racing programs as well as the broader public who enjoy skiing recreationally. I'm also pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, and I believe that serving on the board will help me develop valuable skills in technical communication, collaboration, and leadership. Most importantly, I want to give back to a sport that has given me so much.

Goals as a Board Member

My primary goal is to understand and represent the perspectives of all members—athletes, volunteers, and the general public—while ensuring the continued success of the club. I hope to help identify and address challenges faced by our community and strengthen the relationship between the racing teams and the broader membership.

Responsibilities of a Board Member

A board member's duty is to represent the interests of all stakeholders: the public, race teams, staff, volunteers, Nordic Canada, the City of Prince George, and the club itself. Each group has unique needs that must be heard, balanced, and respected. Whether addressing para-accessibility or general membership concerns, it's our responsibility to listen carefully, act thoughtfully, and ensure that every voice is valued. We represent not only our club and city, but also the broader sport community across Canada, especially during national and international events.

Opportunities and Challenges

In alignment with the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club's Constitution:

- Promoting Skiing and Events (Section 2a): The upcoming Olympic Trials present a major opportunity to showcase Prince George as a premier training destination for high-calibre Nordic athletes. With its excellent facilities and conditions, the club can highlight the strength of our local community and attract greater recognition at the national level.
- Encouraging Youth Participation (Section 2a): Nordic skiing offers tremendous physical and mental health benefits. I believe we can do more to introduce the sport to youth across Prince George, emphasizing both competitive and recreational opportunities.
- Expanding Community Engagement (Section 2c): Events such as music nights, mountain biking, student ski trips, disc golf, and avalanche training bring new people to Caledonia—even those who may not be skiers. These activities strengthen community engagement and can help build broader support for skiing.
- Adapting to Climate Challenges (Section 2a): Climate change and variable snow conditions pose ongoing challenges. Finding creative ways to maintain trails, extend the ski season, and optimize snow use will be crucial for the club's long-term sustainability.
- Supporting Mountain Biking (Section 2e): Mountain biking attracts many users but brings limited direct revenue. Implementing voluntary trail passes or donation systems could help support maintenance and development. With only a few major biking areas in Prince George, Caledonia's trails should aim to stand out by offering something unique and high-quality.

Vonda Hofferd
Biography

Prior to retirement I was co-owner of C.C. Industries Ltd. and C.C. Industries Recreational Ltd. for 30+ years. Both were successful sheet metal fabrication companies. My duties included primarily administration and financial duties but also extended to crew management and Health and Safety Officer.

I have served as director on several boards including, but not limited to PG Community Futures, PG Golf and Curling Club, the Mackenzie Summit Advisory Committee and treasurer for the Salmon Valley Music Festival. I was also the alternate for Regional Director Henry Christenson in his absence.

Currently I am Chairperson of PG KidSport, and as of October 9 will move from director to Vice President for the PG Ladies Executive at the PG Golf and Curling Club. I am a certified Level 3 curling umpire and a level 2 coach.

Caledonia Nordic is now where I would like to contribute my efforts, skills, and knowledge attained over my many years of volunteering. I believe strongly in the role Caledonia Nordic plays in the community and with the education and development of our city's youth. I believe sport participation is vital in both the physical and social health and well being.

As with any successful business there are always growing pains and the need to continually provide the services expected by its members. Although Caledonia Nordic is a member-based organization it must still function as a business in order to survive. Meeting both the member and financial needs can conflict but with an insightful and dedicated board the hurdles can be overcome and our organization will continue to grow in the positive directions we are currently on.

Respectfully Submitted



Vonda Hofferd

Colburn Pearce

Colburn Pearce has been connected to the club's trails since the age of six, with his whole family making use of them for skiing in the winter and biking in the summer. A lifelong athlete, Colburn competed, including representing Team BC and playing basketball at the University of Northern British Columbia. Now he continues to utilize the trails for skiing in the winter and using the club's trails for biking and disc golf in the summer months.

Professionally, Colburn is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). He looks forward to combining his professional expertise with his lifelong connection to the trails to support the club's growth and ensure it continues to provide opportunities for members of all ages and abilities.

Gretchen Prystawik

Candidate Biography, Secretary, 2025-2026 Caledonia Nordic Ski Club Board of Directors

I love Otway! I love Caledonia Nordic Ski Club!

I love contributing to a place that builds stronger individuals, families, partnerships, and community. It has been very rewarding and an honour to serve for two previous terms as the Secretary. Over these two years, I am most proud and excited about the work the Board, other volunteers, and staff have done on member surveys and engagement, communication, updating our bylaws, as well as additions and important maintenance and upgrades to our infrastructure.

Should I be elected to continue serving as Secretary, I hope to contribute to ongoing policy development to support bylaw implementation, strategic planning, as well as supporting recreational member-focused community building activities at CNSC.

Shane Sienaert – Treasurer

Shane has been an active member of the Prince George community for decades, with a deep commitment to supporting inclusive, accessible, and meaningful initiatives. He has served with the Prince George Brain Injured Group Society for over 12 years, currently as Chair of the Board, helping guide a team that supports more than 300 individuals and families navigating life after acquired brain injuries.

A lifelong Northern BC resident, Shane is passionate about outdoor activity and community connection. His involvement with the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club over the past two years reflects this passion, and he now serves as Treasurer, contributing his governance experience and dedication to the club's mission of fostering Nordic skiing and community events.

Professionally, Shane brings over 20 years of experience across brokerage, private wealth, banking, and credit unions. He holds several advanced designations including CFP®, CIM®, CIWM®, Fellow of CSI®, and an MBA. While his career has equipped him with strong financial acumen, Shane's focus remains on using that knowledge to support organizations that make a difference in people's lives.

Whether volunteering, mentoring, or simply enjoying the trails, Shane believes in the power of local organizations to create lasting impact. His focus is always on helping others thrive—through education, inclusion, and shared experience.

biography. David Snadden

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What background and experiences would you bring to the board?

I have been an academic for 30 years and have worked with many diverse groups and chaired many committees and meetings over that time. Recently in my work with the Rural Coordination Centre of BC I have been involved in their community engagement process which is founded on the principle of developing strong relationships and ensuring all perspectives on improving rural health care are heard in order to find an agreed path forward.

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Have you served on the CNSC board or other boards before (describe)?

I served on the Board as a member at large last year, and was previously a board member in 2022 but had to leave due to personal circumstances. I was a member of the by law committee during 2024 and into this year. I have chaired many committees through my time in senior leadership roles at the Northern Medical Program and at UBC.

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What are your reasons for offering to serve on the board?

I have worked with the university since coming to Prince George in 2003 and the ski club was one of the facilities in PG that attracted me and my wife to feel we could move here. I have skied here every season and volunteered at lots of events. I am a recreational skier and ski every day during ski season when I am in town and ski all the trails at CNSC. I particularly enjoy the race maze and the upper trails like Hickory wing and birch bend etc. I have been very impressed at how the club has developed over the years into one of the best Nordic ski clubs in Canada and I would be happy to be on the board to support the club as a valuable community asset.

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What would you hope to accomplish as a board member?

If I was re-elected to the board I would want to see us continue to support and develop the club as a significant community asset, one which provides social connections and exercise opportunities for all age groups and is also a safe place for children and youth to learn new recreational skills and make long term friends, something lacking in many parts of current society. In addition to this the club is an important

recruitment and retention asset for lots of roles in the community and is also now a nationally recognised facility that athletes from across Canada want to come to for training camps and competitions. I would see myself as a member at large whose role would be to support and help the other Board members to continue to develop the club for all members. Over this year I have developed a deep respect for their commitment to the board and for the very healthy discussions they have been having about how to develop projects, sustain the club, support our amazing volunteers and engage with members.

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In your view, what is the responsibility of a board member?

I see the responsibility of a board member to uphold the constitution and to look to the future in terms of developing the club so that it provides good recreational opportunities for all members. This means supporting recreational skiers, those who compete at all levels of competitions and also summer recreational activities. Member engagement and the development of policies that create a supportive, respectful and friendly club culture for all members and staff is also a responsibility. I also feel board members need to be very supportive of the Lhedli T'enneh first nation and engage with them. They also need to be aware of any conflicts of interest they have and be transparent about them and set them aside so that decisions are made from a neutral collaborative perspective. In that respect my daughter is one of the coaches, her husband volunteers a lot and all three of their daughters are competitive skiers.

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In light of club purposes as outlined in the Constitution (link below), what opportunities and challenges do you see facing the club and think the club should address?

I think we have a wonderful opportunity to continue to develop our valuable community asset. I do think some of the club policies need developed further. For example the code of conduct is not detailed enough and we need it to protect staff and members from abuse and harassment. The other challenge we face is one that in current times affects all parts of society in terms of rising inflationary costs etc. Some of these challenges could be addressed through continuing to build our partnerships with other organisations.

Paul Schuetz has been a resident of Prince George for 30 years and has been a member of CNSC since about 2007. Long enough to fondly remember the days before the race maze, dog-trail expansion, the move from the old biathlon range, and mattresses tied to trees at the bottom of steep hills. He has been an avid volunteer at Otway for over 12 years, being involved in the 'course' crew during all of the big cross country and biathlon events; including the Canada Winter Games and both World Paragordics. A regular competitor during the Spirit of the Rivers Loppet, he has also often competed several times in the ski portion of the Prince George Iceman. Paul is a familiar face at the club, during both the winter and summer seasons, partaking in the enjoyment of cross-country skiing and mountain biking opportunities made available to all Prince George residents. He is passionate about the success of Prince George athletes, and recognizes their performance is a direct consequence of the quality of the facilities and the people that manage it.

When not skiing, Paul is a Vice President at IFS Ltd.

Jonathan Waller

I bring over a decade of experience in environmental management and emergency response to the board. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, with a focus on ecology and natural resources, as well as an MBA with a concentration in project management and operations from the University of Northern British Columbia. In my role as an Environmental Emergency Response Officer for the BC Ministry of Environment, I've developed strong skills in handling environmental crises, collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders, and creating effective environmental policies. Additionally, I served as a Director for the Prince George Cycling Club Society, where I contributed to building community engagement in outdoor sports.

I'm passionate about promoting sustainable outdoor recreation, and I see the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club as a key part of the Prince George community. The club's commitment to fostering cross-country skiing, Nordic events, and other activities like hiking, running, and cycling aligns with my values of environmental stewardship and community engagement. My motivation for serving on the board comes from my desire to contribute to these efforts and ensure the club continues to provide outstanding recreational opportunities.

As a board member, I would focus on strengthening community relationships and supporting the club's long-term sustainability. I believe the responsibility of a board member is to make decisions that align with the club's mission, remain transparent to members, and help the organization navigate challenges, whether related to funding, property management, or environmental considerations.

Some of the challenges I see include maintaining financial stability, balancing trail development with environmental conservation, and growing the membership. However, I also see opportunities for the club to expand its role in the community and attract more participants, particularly by engaging youth and families in year-round activities. With its resources and strong community ties, I believe the club can continue to thrive as a leading outdoor recreation organization in Northern BC.

Jeni Wigelsworth

I am pleased to put my name forward for consideration as a Member at Large on the Board of Directors for the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (CNSC). As a long-time member and active participant, I am deeply committed to the club's mission and excited about the opportunity to contribute to its continued success.

My background is in social work where I have extensive experience supporting children, youth, and families—an area of expertise that aligns closely with the family-focused values of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club. Since moving to Prince George in 2017, I have been an active member of the club, using its facilities year-round to enjoy both skiing and biking. I also volunteer at club events and have enrolled my child in ski programs since he was old enough to participate. These personal connections to the club deepen my commitment to its mission of fostering Nordic sports and complementary recreational activities for all ages.

In my current employment, I am actively involved in policy development and interpretation, which I believe is a valuable asset to any board. I bring a thoughtful, strategic lens to governance and decision-making, with a strong commitment to transparency and accountability.

I have previously served on the Board of Directors for a women serving agency, both as a Member at Large and as Board President. These roles gave me firsthand experience in nonprofit governance, leadership, and advocacy which are skills I am eager to contribute to the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club.

I am offering to serve on the CNSC Board because I believe in the club's mission and its role in promoting healthy, active lifestyles in our community. I am particularly inspired by the club's constitutional purpose to foster community engagement through recreational activities. I see this as a powerful opportunity to strengthen connections among members, families, and the broader public as they create a welcoming and inclusive environment that encourages participation and belonging.

As a board member, I hope to contribute to the continued growth and sustainability of the club, with a focus on inclusive programming, strong organizational governance, and meaningful community outreach. I see the role of a board member as one of stewardship—ensuring the club remains responsive to its members, fiscally responsible, and aligned with its long-term vision and constitutional purposes.