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What a season it has been! First of all - thanks to all the recreational membership holders for your patience and understanding around a challenging season. The lack of natural snow, shortened season, several large events and unpredictable temperatures made for difficult choices. Hopefully you were able to make the most of what there was and got out skiing as often as possible. And, there is still good skiing to be had on the last of the manmade snow. Brewski on March 23 promises to be lots of fun for all with skiing, local craft beer, friends and music - how can it get much better?

From the board - we are waiting on a decision from the Province regarding the License of Occupation application for a parcel of land around the Greenway and Hickory Wing area. Full details were published in a previous newsletter and are available on our website. If we are successful in this application, a series of processes will be in place to ensure member engagement around any potential trail development in this area. We are in the early stages of planning an "open house" type of event at the club to share information and answer questions around the potential acquisition of land.

Once conditions permit, we will also be starting on the paved trail project. The first thing you may notice is that a number of trees will be removed from the lower Canada Cup area. Full details were also published in an earlier newsletter and are available on the website. The completion of this project will ensure safe roller skiing for our young athletes and general membership. As we move into a future that looks to include less snow and more variability in winter weather, this project will offer options around competitive Nordic sport in all seasons. Did you know that Biathlon rollerskiing is a thing? I didn't and now I do.

Our Vice President, Tim Roots, has now formed his Bylaw Revision Committee with a completed Terms of Reference and work will begin on a careful look at our current bylaws bringing recommendations to the board and to the membership.

The Para Nordic events wrapped up this past March 17. A hugely successful event thanks to Kevin Pettersen, his organizing team and all the dedicated volunteers. An event of this scope would not be possible without the countless hours from so many people so, from the heart, thank you to all who made this event not only possible, but world class in its execution. The board will carefully consider the planning of future large events as we recognize the impact such events have on the general membership.



We were also happy to celebrate the first joint Family/Lheidli T'enneh day and the creation of our formal partnership on February 18 with food, drumming and community. The weather cooperated and a great day was had by all. Look for several plaques around the facility recognizing this significant step in our relationship with the Lheidli T'enneh.

As the snow melts from our trails this spring, we look forward to cycling, running, walking and disc golfing among other activities on our Otway trails. I welcome any and all comments, questions etc about our shared enjoyment of the CNSC at [president@caledonianordic.com](mailto:president@caledonianordic.com)

