

Date: December 20, 2023

Re: Little Mac Usage for MCS Staff

Atten: Mayor and Council

To Mayor and Council,

I am writing today in preparation for the coming ski season at Little Mac. Earlier this year Mackenzie Community Services procured downhill skiing rental equipment and donated them to the District to encourage wider community use. As part of that plan, there was a desire that MCS staff could bring clients to the hill and use the rental equipment. The hope was that there would be no charge to MCS as a thank you for donating the skis, but this was not a requirement and would be up to the District's discretion as the skis are their property.

So I am writing today to make the ask: Can Mackenzie Community Services (MCS) staff use Little Mac Ski Area and the rental ski equipment, during its regular hours of operation, for no charge when MCS staff is working with a client? This would be only during the time when MCS staff is working with a client, and if the client wanted to ski beyond that they would need to pay their own way. And the same would go for MCS staff, it would only be free when working with a client, if they wanted to ski on their own personal time, they would need to purchase a lift ticket.

This use would largely be in our Child and Youth Care (CYC) program, which is a program for youth aged 3-19, with a goal to make positive changes in their lives. By having time with these youth on the ski hill, our staff hope to encourage healthy lifestyles, a passion of recreation and more time outdoors enjoying the beautiful nature of Mackenzie.

We view this as helping us serve our clients better and encourage more use of Little Mac and grow the sport of skiing in the community.

Regards,
Jesse Wright
Child and Youth Worker