

## **Rhiannon Chippett**

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**Subject:** FW: Delegation

**On behalf of the Fernie Nordic Society, please see below:**

**The topic on which the delegation wishes to speak;**

The Galloway Lands Application

**An executive summary or outline of the presentation to be made;**

Fernie Nordic Society (FNS) has held a long-standing relationship with the property owner of 'Galloway lands', operating the Elk Valley Nordic Centre from the property for over seven years. The Board recognizes the absolute privilege it is to access private land for recreational purposes, and for that reason has remained publicly silent on this application to avoid any perception of entitlement or ownership over land access. It is, and continues to be, our commitment to work with landowners to ensure safe and enjoyable wilderness recreational opportunities for the benefit of our community.

We have been actively engaged over the course of the last year with the consultant for the Galloway Lands application, expressing our concerns and questions and requesting clarification to ensure we have accurate and fulsome information. The FNS Board has become increasingly concerned with information around covenants and the suggested enforcement of them by non-profits and homeowner associations.

Working collaboratively with landowners is a priority for our Board, so while we are not taking a position on the proposed development, we do wish to ensure that the RDEK Board is aware and clear on the efforts that FNS has made to establish and support a long-term vision for the community and the work we've done on conservation options. We believe that creative solutions are possible and that we have an opportunity to work collaboratively with landowners and the Province of BC to ensure long-term priorities of the community are met.

**The name of the designated speaker(s);**

President of Fernie Nordic Society, Megan Lohmann

**The specific action which is being requested of the Board or Committee;**

Receive information. Defer to engage with community

**If you are attending the meeting in person or via Zoom:**

In person.

**Whether or not you will have a powerpoint presentation** (Note: for more on the audio / visual equipment we have available. Please refer to the link called "Audio / Visual Aids")

To be confirmed.

Best regards,

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