BC Rural Dividend grant provides boost to 100 Mile House

100 MILE HOUSE – The 100 Mile Nordic Ski Society will be able to make upgrades to existing ski trails, thanks to a $388,375 grant from the Province.

"This project is a good example of a community organization getting involved and finding ways to improve and diversify the local economy," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. "This grant is provided from the Rural Dividend's special circumstances provision, which was specifically designed to assist communities undergoing economic hardship, such as those impacted by wildfire."

The funds will be used to install new trail lighting on four kilometres of existing ski trails at the Nordic ski facility in 100 Mile House. The ski facility provides year-round community recreation opportunities for residents in the area and is an important asset for the local winter tourism industry.

"The 100 Mile Nordic Ski Society is thankful for the rural dividend funding for replacing and upgrading our lighting system for our Nordic trails," said Kristi Iverson, the society's president. "We've worked hard at adding new trails and improving our existing trails for skiers of all levels to enjoy. This is a legacy for the community and visitors alike to be proud of."

As part of Budget 2018, the Government of British Columbia committed to extending the $25-million-per-year Rural Dividend to 2020-21. The Rural Dividend is one aspect of government's rural development mandate, which is committed to making rural communities more resilient.

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