



Photo: Caledonia Nordic Ski Club

*Testing gravel for sub base material.*

*The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club is developing paved roller ski trails for training purposes and for competitions for both Cross Country and Biathlon athletes.*

Over the past year the ski club has been working with a team of international and local experts on designs that will support international level roller ski training and competitions for Cross Country, Biathlon and Para Nordic athletes as well as for recreational skiers.

In June 2024, the construction contract was awarded to Terus Construction (with operations in Prince George adj). Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-July 2024 with completion scheduled by September 2024. The Caledonia Club has been working with Terus Construction to develop an asphalt mix that is purpose-built for roller skiing. A polymer based asphalt mix will be used (commonly used for airport runways) with finer aggregate mix that will produce a very smooth and highly durable surface with properties that will resist thermal cracking. In addition, a lot of care and attention has been put on the geotechnical assessment and engineering (to ensure the paved trails have an excellent sub base for longevity of the paved trails) as well as very thorough trail design and engineering to ensure the trails are both technically challenging and safe for competitions and training, and providing options for safe and enjoyable recreational roller skiing.

Receiving this grant will help complete Caledonia's vision for paved trails and is a direct result of Caledonia's long history, dedication and hard work of hosting Nordic competitions from local events right up to the world championship levels, and is a monumental game changer in many ways.

The paved competition trails will allow Caledonia to replicate the incredible success for hosting major winter events in the summer and fall seasons. These trails will also provide the ability for the club to host local, regional, national and international dry land roller ski/roller biathlon training camps, and most importantly, provides a safe and welcoming alternative for skiers to train in the summer and fall on roller skis; training which currently takes place on public roads.

Receiving the funding from the Province of BC's Destination Develop Fund would not have been possible without the ongoing support of Caledonia Nordic's incredible staff, volunteers and outside partners including the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, City of Prince George, Tourism Prince George, the Prince George Chamber of Commerce, Northern BC Tourism, Nordiq Canada, Biathlon Canada, Cross Country BC, Biathlon BC, Spinal Cord Injury BC, Northern Development Initiatives Trust, and the Caledonia Nordic Board of Directors.

Together we make huge dreams come true!"

*Adapted from an article by K. Pettersen, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club*





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