



Dear Chief Michano and Chief Jacobs,

I hope this message finds you well.

On behalf of the Marathon Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Club (MCCSSC), I am pleased to extend a warm invitation to the members of Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg to join us at the club during March Break, March 14–22. Throughout this time, we would be honoured to offer complimentary trail passes and cross-country ski or snowshoe equipment so that individuals and families may enjoy the trails and spend time outdoors together.

As an independent, not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization, MCCSSC is built on community leadership and a shared commitment to making outdoor recreation accessible, welcoming, and affordable. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the stability we have achieved over the past two years, the club is proud to be returning to pre-pandemic levels of programming and services. Strengthening relationships with neighbouring Indigenous communities is an important part of this renewed momentum.

We recognize and honour the enduring presence, knowledge, and stewardship of your communities and are grateful for the opportunity to gather, learn, and recreate on these lands. In the spirit of reconciliation and meaningful relationship-building, we would be deeply honoured to host cultural teachings, land-based learning, or a community gathering at the club, should this be of interest.

Our hope is that this invitation represents a positive step toward an ongoing and respectful partnership—one that creates a welcoming space for your members at MCCSSC and supports shared experiences grounded in wellness, learning, and time on the land.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to connect with you or a member of your team to discuss this further and coordinate details in a way that best suits your communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We sincerely look forward to the possibility of welcoming your members to the club during March Break.

Sincerely,

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