

Thank you for your application to our RDG program seeking financial assistance with the **Outdoor Active Gear Loan Program**. Please consider the following feedback and submit your final, revised application as soon as possible:

- The written responses to Q.1-3 are difficult to read. Please consider typing.
- Given the crucial role played by your Library partners, please include a support letter from the Cape Breton Regional Library that confirms their role and commitment as outlined in the program you are proposing.
- In order to maximize access to the loan program, it is strongly recommended that you consider access to the program by schools for outdoor classroom extracurricular activities.
- Final application will require 2 signatures.

Budget

- Please include the number of pieces of individual equipment and the cost of each to be purchased (typed budget page does not include item price)
- Include HST in your calculations
- Please provide confirmation of *Recreation For All* contribution (\$2500)
- It appears as if you have not included all promotion costs in your written budget (\$900 vrs \$1800).

<http://frameworkfitness.com/gvcsnowshoes/>

Ski program- 10 complete sets of skis, boots, bindings, and poles, with additional boots and poles to best facilitate getting all skis out on loan as often as possible (most rental programs, including ours, would have more boots and poles, as each ski size in the 4 size-skis we are suggesting would fit a range of weight, but pole height and boot fit are more individual-specific).

10 X Complete Ski sets	
12 X additional pairs boots	
10 X additional pairs poles	\$3598.00 + HST

Kid's Snowshoe/poles program

8 X Kids Snowshoe	
4 X Small adult snowshoe	
12 X Adjustable snowshoe poles pair	\$1518.00 + HST

Nordic Walking Program

20 X Adjustable Nordic Walking poles pair	\$900.00 + HST
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Here are some links for you to take a look at:

http://www.rossignol.com/US/US/evo-first-ar_RHCWF03_product_nordic-men-skis-touring.html

http://www.rossignol.com/US/US/x-2_RI2WA15_product_nordic-men-boots-outdoor.html

http://www.rossignol.com/US/US/t3-automatic_RJ31005_product_nordic-men-bindings.html

http://www.rossignol.com/US/US/xt-700_RD29100_product_nordic-men-poles.html

http://www.louisgarneau.com/us-en/product/826964/1493777/Junior_Snowshoes/F%26%23201%3BLIX_II_717_SNOWSHOES

http://www.louisgarneau.com/us-en/product/467437/1493330/Poles/EXCURSION_RS_POLES#second

This is an example of some things we could do- please let me know when you would like to discuss this, and we can tailor it directly to you.

Thanks,

John Annett
Head Buyer
Trail Shop Group of Companies

I just spoke to Anna Lee MacEachern from Inverness county recreation department about their snowshoe & ski rental program.

I ask about insurance and she said they don't have any additional liability insurance for this program.

They also do not have any liability waiver form since waivers don't often hold up in court anyway. They have never had a problem.

They do ask for a damage deposit of about \$50. On occasion if equipment has been damaged due to misuse they have kept the deposit.

So. My question is what do we think about all this? I don't want to do a deposit because it would be great to be completely free but I do want people to be aware that they are responsible for damage to equipment due to misuse.

I think it would be wise to have patrons sign a borrowing agreement.
Some items it could include are:

- Please respect item due dates. Late fees of \$1/day will be charged to borrowers library account.
- Please renew item online or by phone if an extension is needed.

- In the event the gear is damaged or not working properly it is the responsibility of the borrower to stop using the gear and notify the Cape Breton Regional Library as soon as possible.
- If damage is due to neglect, abuse, or misuse of the equipment borrower will be responsible for repair or replacement cost.
- If item is lost or stolen the borrower will be responsible for full replacement cost.

thoughts?

Erin

Hi Marie,

This will be snowshoes, skis (boots, poles) and nordic poles at baddeck library to loan – 1 week with library card, free and can be transported/mobile with north victoria library.....

Hoping to have up and running – January...

Thank You Marie,

Vince

Hi John,

I appreciate your efforts on this program and file benefiting our residents, it's greatly appreciated.

The success in this will also include snowshoes for women and men 10 each.

If you can give me an estimate, pics would be great. The snowshoes that I think will have the best impact and longevity will be the rubber back strap, that doesn't come undone; aluminum frame. That's the most success I have.

Glad the weather has held off to coincide with this file! Longtime coming!

Thank You.

Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness

January 23, 2015

RE: Victoria County Active Gear Loan Program

To Whom it May Concern:

As Branch Manager of the Baddeck Public Library, I am writing in support of the Victoria County Active Gear Loan Program. This innovative proposal would enable community members to check out equipment at Baddeck Library, and throughout the county via the Victoria County Bookmobile.

The Cape Breton Regional Library has already successfully partnered with Victoria County on a variety of health and active living initiatives. For example, Baddeck Library has hosted free public swim sessions with County support, and we have worked together to deliver an active living outreach program to kids in rural communities on the bookmobile. These partnerships create a valuable linkage between physical activity and literacy, and allow both of our organizations to reach new participants, to the benefit of all. The Active Gear Loan Program would build on this success.

Equipment will be loaned to any Victoria County resident with an active library card, available at no charge through the Cape Breton Regional Library. Victoria County library branches (Baddeck, Victoria County Bookmobile, and Ingonish) have a current, combined membership of 2350, which includes children, youth, and adult patrons. Baddeck Library is a very active branch serving people of all ages from a wide catchment area in Victoria South. Equipment would be available to Victoria County schools via the bookmobile, which travels to eight schools on a monthly rotation. Remote communities would also access equipment through the bookmobile, or through the Ingonish branch.

This program would create a useful synergy: Library patrons will be exposed to active living opportunities in an unexpected location. Non-library users may be drawn into the library setting to access equipment, and benefit from the range of materials and services the public library provides. The library will use its robust collection of books and resources to supplement and promote equipment use. The result should be a beneficial blend of physical activity and literacy for residents of all ages.

The Baddeck Library looks forward to being able to offer this opportunity to Victoria County residents!

Sincerely,

Kate Oland
Baddeck Library

January 23, 2015

Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness
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RE: Victoria County Active Gear Loan Program

To Whom it May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Active Gear Loan Program, a partnership between the Cape Breton Regional Library and Nova Scotia Health and Wellness. This program would make snowshoes available for loan through the Baddeck branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library. Through the Bookmobile delivery service out of Baddeck, the Ingonish branch would also benefit from this program.

The Ingonish branch is one of the Library branches within Victoria County. Victoria County library branches (Baddeck, Victoria County Bookmobile, and Ingonish) have a current, combined membership of 2350, which includes children, youth, and adult patrons. Many of the rural areas in and around Ingonish are targeted by the Victoria County Bookmobile, which makes monthly trips to different communities in that area, leaving from the Baddeck branch. This initiative would allow for snowshoe delivery to the Ingonish area, which is a popular Winter sport in Victoria County, especially in the Ingonish area.

A program like this would have a great response, as many Library users are involved in snowshoeing. There is also the opportunity for the schools in that area to benefit from this program as well. The Bookmobile makes several stops at schools and this initiative is a great way to promote healthy living to children, who do not have many other types of physical activity available to them, especially this time of year.

I fully support the Active Gear Loan Program and the partnership between Cape Breton Regional Library, specifically the Ingonish branch and Nova Scotia Health and Wellness. This initiative will promote healthy living to people in this area and it will benefit the community as a whole.

The Ingonish Library looks forward to being able to offer this opportunity to Victoria County residents!

Sincerely,

Leona Stockley

Ingonish Library