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Hon. George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Box 9047, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Minister Heyman

The staff and Board of the Sport & Culture Society of the North Okanagan would like to add our support to the petition started by Vernon resident Mike Brown, to acquire the 234 acres of Chelsea Estates which is adjacent to Ellison Provincial Park.

Our remit is to advocate for sport, culture and recreation within our community. We bring together partners of all sport and culture organizations, including tourism, stakeholders, levels of government, our community and volunteers.

We would be encouraging the ministry to explore all options to see if this parcel of property could be added to our Provincial playground. By adding to our parkland it can become additional tools for organizations such as mountain biking, orienteering, trail running and outdoor clubs to continue to prosper and grow.

In addition, the acquisition would have a positive economic impact by becoming another reason for tourists to visit the beautiful Okanagan Valley.

If the financial requirements for BC Parks to acquire this property are currently out of reach, maybe other options could be explored. This opportunity will likely not come around again anytime soon.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rodney Goodchild".

Rodney Goodchild  
Executive Director