

# Groomer Loan Paid in Full



Back row left to right is Sienna, Kevin Henderson, Suzanne Foster, Steve Ludwig and Astrid.  
Front row is Tim Pennell, Bert Walker, Jamie Yeomans, Greg Yeomans and Wes Bieber

It was with great pleasure that I provided a letter from MLA Kevin Krueger, NTEDS President, to Wes Bieber, President of the Wells Gray Outdoor Club. Contents of the letter provided a significant financial boost to the club as the balance of the loan on the clubs groomer has been waived. This amounts to \$52,500 in additional economic benefit to the area as a result of dissolving the NTEDS (North Thompson Economic Development Society) and the NTRA (North Thompson Relief Association).

At the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting discussions were held to determine the future of NTEDS and the remaining funds. Part of that discussion revolved around outstanding loans which included the groomer owned by the Wells Gray Outdoor Club. It should be noted that individuals such as Hazel Wadlegger and former Wells Gray Country Director Bert Walker played a significant part in the club acquiring both the groomer and the funds to purchase it. Local winter tourism has increased significantly with the development of groomed cross country ski trails. This provides substantial economic benefit to the local business and employment sectors.

