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Jutta Mason
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Dear Ms. Mason:

Re: City of Toronto Helmet Policy for Ice Activities

Thank you for your e-mail of January 28, 2014 to Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff concerning the City of Toronto's Helmet Policy for Ice Activities.

The Policy was created to improve the quality and safety of our programs by developing standards and guidelines around helmet use, while on ice, for both staff and participants. I have attached the policy for your information.

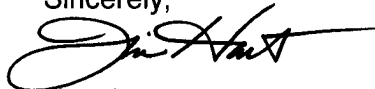
The Policy recommends helmet use at all times, and in programs where there is higher risk of injury, requires the use of CSA approved hockey helmets. Leisure skate participants under the age of six are required to wear CSA approved hockey helmets as are all participants who play supervised shinny hockey, hockey and power skate activities.

The Policy is based on research and information that indicated that current safety practices in skating activities call for the mandatory use of CSA certified hockey helmets, preferably with face guards. Hockey helmets are designed to address the potential impacts of hard objects, including the ice and protect children from face, head and neck injuries.

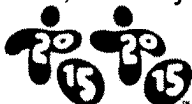
Canada's Consumer Product Safety Act's Ice Hockey Helmets Regulations requires that ice hockey helmets meet requirements published by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). The only certification verified under the jurisdiction of Hockey Canada is the CSA certification label on the helmet. Numerous municipalities also adhere to the national standard.

I have referred your newsletter to staff to review the information you have provided.

Sincerely,



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