

MOTION

No. 45

Mandatory Helmet Use at Brookvale Ski Park

Honourable Olive Crane gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion:

WHEREAS the Government recently stated its policy that voluntary helmet use will remain at Brookvale Provincial Park as there are no available Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved helmets on the market;

AND WHEREAS the Brain Injury Coalition of Prince Edward Island has expressed concerns about Government's policy, with the stated view that 'some protection is better than none at all';

AND WHEREAS major ski hills across Canada, the USA and Europe are now promoting helmet use and, as of this season, Vancouver-based Intrawest is recommending that all skiers and snowboarders at its resorts wear helmets;

AND WHEREAS the *Vancouver Charter on Skiing Safety* was recently established in relation to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, and encourages the use of helmets in Canada during winter activities such as skiing and snowboarding;

AND WHEREAS according to SafeIn Canada, it is estimated that 87.5% of skiing and snowboarding deaths have been caused by a head injury;

AND WHEREAS research has shown that ski and snowboard helmets are effective at preventing head injuries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage Government to demonstrate strong public leadership and support the recommendation of the Brain Injury Coalition of Prince Edward Island through implementing a mandatory helmet policy at the Brookvale Provincial Park.

Signed by: Honourable Olive Crane

Signed by: Jim Bagnall

2 December 2009
2:15 p.m.