

September 30, 2015

All Ski Hills in New Brunswick

**Re: Mandatory helmet use on New Brunswick ski hills**

To whom it may concern:

THE NEW BRUNSWICK COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS is a provincial, non-profit-organization who is the voice of family medicine in New Brunswick representing more than 780 family physicians. We are a chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) who represents more than 32,000 members across the country.

In New-Brunswick, we strive to improve the health of our residents by promoting high standards of medical education and care in family practice by contributing to public understanding of healthy living, by supporting ready access to family physician services and by encouraging research and disseminating knowledge about family medicine.

Since December 2012, we have been in correspondence with the government to recommend the introduction of a new provincial legislation on mandatory use of helmets on ski hills in NB. In July 2015, we received a letter from Minister Hon. Stephen Horsman to confirm that although they were not expecting to introduce a new law at this time, they would reach out to all ski hills in the province to encourage the implementation of this regulation on their ski hill.

We would like to join the NB department of Public Safety, and are asking that you consider our plea to protect the public's health in New Brunswick and that you introduce this regulation at your location.

We thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Marc André Doucet, MD, CCFP  
President

à cc : Hon. Victor Boudreau, Minister of Health  
Hon. Stephen Horsman, Minister of Public Safety  
Ms Patricia Titus, concerned citizen