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Please post for Council information.

From: Ian Morrison <IMorrison@nsfm.ca>
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Good Morning,

More than ever, the public is recreating outside enjoying skating, skiing, and sledding during the winter months. When they do so on public lands, the owner (the municipality) is responsible for ensuring that the play areas are as safe as possible and free of potential hazards.

The owner of the property, as the occupier, has responsibility for safe play to all individuals who enter their property, whether invited or not. Municipalities must conduct reasonable inspections of all property to confirm that the property is safe, secure, and without known hazards.

Sledding and ice skating are two popular activities that occur on municipal lands during the winter months. As the seasons change and winter approaches, municipal units are encouraged to consider the risks that these activities pose to residents and to the organization.

Please refer to the enclosed article **The Risks of Natural Unstructured Winter Play**.

Please refer to the following resources:

- [Risk Management Considerations for Tobogganing as Municipal Liability](#)
- [Risk Management Considerations for Winter Activities](#)

Your broker is always available to assist you in your risk evaluation to ensure that your risk is managed as reasonably as possible.

Upcoming Webinar: Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success

NSFM and Canoe invite you to an upcoming webinar, **Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success**, facilitated by Stéphanie Dion and Tony DeSciscio from Canoe Procurement. This session will dive into the NIGP best practices on fostering stakeholder relationships and is exclusively for public entities. In this session insights will be shared on how building trust and strategically engaging with stakeholders can elevate procurement's role as a strategic cornerstone within your organization.

Event Details:

- November 26 @ 12 Noon
- Register [here](#)

This notification is a monthly communique to update and provide information of relevance to participating organizations in the **NSFM Municipal Insurance Program**.

Participating municipal units are reminded that access is available to the **Intact Public Entities Centre of Excellence**:

- An online hub of constantly updated articles, checklists, templates, and tips to assist municipal units with implementation of a comprehensive risk management strategy
- The site can be accessed here: <https://www.intactpublicentities.ca/centre-of-excellence>

Members and participating organizations will continue to be updated on the activities of the Committee on a regular basis.

Please advise if you require any further information.

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