



Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: May 22, 2003
FROM: City Manager FILE: 0250-01
SUBJECT: Resolution re Use of Roller Skate and
Skateboard Helmets

RECOMMENDATION

That Council pass the proposed resolution to be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ("UBCM") and the Lower Mainland Municipal Association ("LMMA") regarding the use of roller skate and skateboard helmets.

DISCUSSION

At a previous Council meeting, Council directed staff to bring forward a resolution requiring the use of roller skate and skateboard helmets. To this end, the following is submitted.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS roller skate and skateboard users are suffering unnecessarily from injuries and fatalities from the use of their equipment without safety helmets;

WHEREAS Section 184 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318 (the "*Act*") requires safety helmets for persons using bicycles, and Section 221 of the *Act* requires safety helmets for persons using motorcycles;

AND WHEREAS the *Act* does not require the use of safety helmets for persons using roller skates and skateboards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend the *Act* to:

- (i) require that a person operating or riding on roller skates or a skateboard must properly wear a safety helmet, and
- (ii) prescribe standards and specifications for approved roller skate and skateboard safety helmets.

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