

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI

BY-LAW NO. 24-1773

Being a By-Law to Mandate Helmet Use for Children Aged 16 and Under While Using the Arena Ice for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

WHEREAS Section 10(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, grants municipalities the authority to pass bylaws respecting the health, safety, and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Temagami recognizes the importance of promoting safety for children while participating in activities at the arena ice;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to reduce the risk of head injuries among children while using the arena ice surface;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Temagami enacts as follows:

THAT This bylaw may be cited as the "Arena Ice Helmet Safety Bylaw

THAT For the purpose of this bylaw:

- **"Arena Ice"** refers to any ice surface located within a municipally operated arena or ice rink in the Municipality of Temagami.
- **"Helmet"** refers to a protective headgear that meets the current safety standards established by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or equivalent standards recognized in Canada.
- **"Child"** refers to any individual aged 16 years or younger.
- **"Guardian"** refers to any parent, legal guardian, or supervising adult responsible for a child

THAT This bylaw applies to all children aged 16 years or younger using the arena ice in any capacity, including but not limited to:

- Public skating sessions;
- Organized sports such as hockey, figure skating, or ringette;
- Private or recreational use during permitted hours.

Requirement: All children aged 16 years or younger shall wear a helmet while on the arena ice at all times, regardless of the activity being undertaken.

Guardian Responsibility: The guardian of a child shall ensure the child complies with this bylaw. Failure to do so will result in penalties as outlined in Section 6.

Exemptions: There shall be no exemptions to the mandatory helmet use unless a medical condition is presented with proper documentation from a licensed physician, which will be subject to approval by the municipality.

THAT This bylaw shall be enforced by designated municipal staff, including but not limited to arena staff, bylaw enforcement officers, or any other authorized personnel.

Refusal of Access: Arena staff may refuse access to the arena ice to any child who is not in compliance with this bylaw.

Authority to Remove: Municipal staff shall have the authority to remove any child from the arena ice surface if they are found without a helmet.

THAT Penalties shall include;

Warning: On a first offence, the child and/or guardian may receive a verbal or written warning regarding the infraction.

Fine: On a subsequent offence, a fine not exceeding \$100 may be imposed on the guardian responsible for the child. Fines will be issued in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act.

Revocation of Arena Privileges: Repeated non-compliance with this bylaw may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the child's privilege to use the arena ice.

THAT This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on October 10, 2024, following its final reading and adoption by the Council of the Municipality of Temagami.

THAT the Mayor and the Treasurer/Administrator or Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to the action taken by this Council as described in Section 1 of this By-Law and to affix the Corporate Seal of The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami to all documents referred to in said paragraph 1.

Taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of October, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk