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Teachers' Bargaining Unit

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Canadian Winters Can Be Beautiful, But Treacherous, Too



Winter can be beautiful. It's hard not to see the beauty in a field covered with a blanket of fresh snow, especially when the ice glistens in the morning sun. Lately, however, Canadians have been faced with more frequent extreme weather conditions.

Ice storms have been blamed for some of the worst natural disasters in Canadian history. They can lead to massive damage to trees and electrical infrastructure, leading to widespread long-term power outages.

Other dangers include hypothermia, fires and carbon monoxide poisoning, which can occur when people use alternative heating sources during periods of extended power failures.

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Save These Two Dates In May of 2018

Members are requested to reserve **two** dates in May of this year. The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Teachers' Bargaining Unit will take place at the Best Western Inn on the Bay in Owen Sound on Monday, **May 7**. The retirement/financial planning workshop presented jointly by OTIP and Educators Financial Group will take place on Tuesday, **May 22**, also at the Best Western Inn on the Bay in Owen Sound.