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As residents of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, we are very lucky to have the number of skate facilities that have been developed over the last 15 years. However, up until now, we did not have a method to provide an instructional program to encourage people to enter the sport and further utilize these facilities.

The International Skateboard Certification Program provides this. With safety as our primary concern, the program builds introductory skills and reinforces this safety standard through all elements of the instruction. It breaks down real and perceived barriers to the sport, and provides piece of mind to anxious parents that want their children to learn from leaders in the community.

Beyond this, the program is life changing for our instructors. Building confidence, providing leadership, and taking responsibility for their actions and those of others are elements I have seen first hand in my instructors since we have implemented the training from the International Skateboard Certification Program. They are embracing their role as community leaders and role models, all wanting to continue to the next levels of the program.

Jay is a wonderful instructor and a great source of knowledge. He really cares about the participants of the program and wants them to succeed. I am grateful to have participated myself, but much more to have had Jay in our community and facilitate this program.

Best regards,

Joe Costello
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