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## Getting an NKMi quote has never been easier!



People are busy and want quick quotes backed up by personal service. We give them both with online quoting. //

NKMi is always looking for ways to make quoting for our policyholders easier.

That's why NKMi is now offering leadingedge, online auto quoting that is easier and faster than ever before. Plus you are still supported by our NKMi agents and their expertise to make sure you get the right policy.

You can shop using your smartphone, tablet and/or desktop. Just go to our website: www. nkminsurance.com.

"I am happy to be able to make the auto insurance quoting process easier for our members," says Henry Miller, NKMi President and CEO . "People are busy and want quick quotes backed up by personal service. We give them both with online quoting."

NKMi launched the service in early August. Many members have successfully gained the quotes they need.

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## NKMi new President/CEO



New CEO Henry Miller comes to NKMi with 25+ years experience in the insurance industry.

Henry Miller

In mid-April, NKMi welcomed our new President and Chief Executive Officer Henry Miller. He came to NKMi with over 25 years in the insurance industry.

A graduate of York University, Henry has a Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) designation. He is the Past Vice President of the Insurance Institute of Southern Alberta and an instructor with the Insurance Institute of Canada.

In welcoming Henry to NKMi, then Board Chair Scott Kilbride said, "We are delighted to have Henry join our company. He brings an extensive insurance background both in Ontario and Western Canada. Along with his significant underwriting knowledge and skills he has a strong background with distribution and sales networks."

Henry, along with his wife, Yvonne, and two children enjoy camping and travelling.

# Don't be the Victim of a Powerful,

## Silent Killer

CO Detectors save lives, but older units may not detect the toxic gas

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is called the silent killer because you can't see it, smell it or taste it. If you have gas appliances, fireplaces or an attached garage be sure to install a carbon monoxide alarm outside all sleeping areas in your home.

But remember that CO detectors usually wear out in 5-7 years. Visit NKMi and you can purchase a CO detector at or below cost. Be sure to carefully follow manufacturer's instructions when installing.

#### Installing a CO detector is smart. And it's the law.

Last October, Bill 77 made it the law for every residential building in Ontario to have a CO detector. Every year, the toxic gas kills over 50 Canadians in their homes, most of them while they're sleeping. Many more people are permanently disabled from the toxic poison.

#### What can you do to prevent CO poisoning?

The best defense is to ensure CO has no way of getting inside the house. This involves proper maintenance and a few helpful pointers.

- 1. Have your furnace checked annually by a professional to ensure it's in good working order.
- 2. Have chimneys and vents inspected each year for cracks, blockages or damage. Examine fireplaces to ensure there are no blocked or closed flues.
- 3. Periodically, check outside to make sure exhaust vents for the dryer, furnace, wood-burning or gas stove are clear of debris, including lint, leaves or snow. (Also, the flue and fresh air intake in wood-burning fireplaces should always be open when they're in use.)
- 4. Whether your garage is attached to the house or not, never let a car idle in the garage, even if the door is open. In fact, it's best never to run any gas-powered equipment whether a snow blower, lawn mower or tool in the garage.

#### Remember the six main symptoms to look out for in CO poisoning:













Headache

Nausea

**Breathlessness** 

Collapse

Dizziness Loss

**Loss of Consciousness** 

## Respect Slow Moving Vehicle signs



From spring to fall in SW Ontario, drivers on secondary roads are accustomed to seeing Slow Moving Vehicles on backs of wagons and tractors. In some areas, the signs are seen year round on the backs of horse drawn carriages. These signs are to be respected. They indicate that the vehicle is going at a speed of 40 km/hr or less.

When you view a vehicle with a SMV sign, you must slow down your speed and approach it cautiously. You should maintain a distance of comfort and pass the vehicle using a relatively slow speed. By taking caution, you will better prevent unnecessary accidents should a farm vehicle make a sudden turn.

Need a Slow Moving Vehicle Sign? NKMi has them for sale - just \$2.50!

# Staff are Thanked for Years of Exceptional Service!



Thanks to Cindy Brewer for 15 years of service to NKMi!

Three staff members received recognition for 5 years of excellent work.



Carla Brewer proudly received her gift of thanks from Board Chair Robin Dudley.



Greg Tuckwell - Agent



John Podolinsky - Agent

# Great Golfers and Sunny Skies were stars of NKMi 6th Annual Golf Tournament

At our 6th Annual NKMi Golf Tournament, participants enjoyed a perfect day of golf and fun with policyholders, staff and community friends.



Here, (r-l) NKMi
CEO Henry Miller and
MCCG President, Frank
Baretto, prepare for the
putting contest with
long-time policyholders.



Here, a team member is "encouraged" by his foursome as he prepares to show his skills in the putting contest.

## Thanks to Scott Kilbride for 19 years of service

NKMi thanks Scott Kilbride for his outstanding work on the NKMi Board for the last 19 years. Scott joined the Board in 1996 and has seen us through many changes. He has served on a variety of committees and insurance-related Boards over the years.

Thanks, Scott!



Former NKMi CEO John Leeson thanks Scott Kilbride for his 19 years of Board service.

## Dresden Rotary BBQ highlighted by good food and music

Each year, NKMi supports Dresden Rotary with a community BBQ held at the Rotary Concert in the Park. Here, NKMi Agent Greg Tuckwell and Board members Steve Vanek, Robin Dudley and Larry Rabideau enjoy cooking burgers.





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