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## **Press Release**

## National Recognition for Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Program Leadership

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The Tire and Rubber Association of Canada (TRAC) presented their 2023 Industry Leadership Awards in Toronto on June 14, 2023, which included an award to recognize the progress being made in Saskatchewan by the Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS) to move the scrap tire collection and processing industry forward.

"I am so pleased our CEO, Stevyn Arnt, has been recognized by his peers for his efforts over the last 3 years to address a number of outstanding issues related to the clean-up of scrap tires around the province," commented Colin Fraser, Chair of the Board for the TSS. "Stevyn has led the cleanup of a number of large abandoned stockpiles, a significant improvement in recovery rates, and an expanded Return to Retailer program."

TRAC's Industry Leadership Awards recognize outstanding individuals and companies for their dedication and commitment to excellence in the tire and rubber industry, including end-of-life tire management businesses and other businesses focused on sustainability. The awards are designed to celebrate industry achievements and give individuals and organizations a platform to showcase their contribution to the industry, increase their professional profiles, and stand out from the competition.

"I am honored and appreciate the increasing participation of tire consumers and retailers in the scrap tire program in Saskatchewan." adds Stevyn Arnt.

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## **About TSS**

TSS is a non-profit corporation that was established in June 2017 by the Retail Council of Canada (RCC) and the Western Canada Tire Dealers (WCTD) to serve as the scrap tire recycling program operator in Saskatchewan. TSS operates under a Product Stewardship Program approved by the Ministry of Environment in December 2020. Saskatchewan tire retailers are mandated by legislation to set up and operate a recycling program, collect recycling fees from the consumer for each new tire sold, and use these fees to operate the program. The program involves the collection, recycling, and processing of scrap tires into more environmentally friendly products. Abandoned used tires pose a health risk to the community and a risk to the environment. Scrap tires can hold water and create an environment for pests such as rats and mosquitos. And if a pile of tires catches fire, it can burn intensely, and produce toxic smoke.



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