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Press Release

Scrap Tire Processing Industry Changing in Saskatchewan

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Today Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS) announces changes to its program. To improve efficiency and program costs, TSS is committed to returning to at least two processors in the province, in the south and in the north.

A request for proposals in 2021 for a second scrap tire processor in the southern part of the province resulted in the selection of Crumb Rubber Manufacturers (CRM[®]) by TSS in 2022. CRM[®], located in Moose Jaw, begins operations in May. The contract with the existing TSS northern processor, Shercom Industries, expires April 30, 2023. TSS will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a northern based tire processor or processors.

A program review in 2017 determined the need for the scrap tire processing industry in Saskatchewan to change. Processors with established markets for higher-value end use products which displace other more carbon intensive alternatives significantly reduce the overall environmental impact of TSS's program. Furthermore, because of the market demand for higher value products, processors are less reliant on incentive fees ensuring that consumers receive better value for the tire recycling fees collected. In addition, the program efficiencies from multiple locations, and lower fees, will result in cost savings which will be utilized to clean up old tire piles around the province.

"TSS is committed to running an efficient program on behalf of tire retailers and to encourage practices that lower the industry's impact on the environment," says Colin Fraser, Chair of TSS.

"TSS is moving the Saskatchewan tire processing industry forward based on rewarding innovation and the development of new products and new markets," adds Stevyn Arnt, CEO, TSS.

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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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