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Press Release

Completion of “Legacy” Scrap Tire Cleanup at Eldon

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When you are done with your worn-out tires, the Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS) is responsible to manage scrap tires in the province on behalf of consumers who pay a recycling fee, and tire retailers who collect the fees.

A recycling program has not always been in place and there remain many “legacy” tires in the province, including some extremely large piles. The two largest stockpiles of legacy scrap tires were at Assiniboia and in the R.M. of Eldon No. 471. TSS recycled the Assiniboia legacy stockpile in 2021 and now the R.M. of Eldon legacy stockpile has been recycled. The R.M. of Eldon project started in September 2020 and was completed this fall. Nearly 2500 metric tonnes of scrap tires from the R.M. of Eldon have been sent for recycling. Since the establishment of TSS in 2018, ridding these communities of these two abandoned “legacy” scrap tire piles had been a priority. Assiniboia was completed in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and the town of Assiniboia, and the legacy pile at the R.M. of Eldon was completed by TSS.

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 a pile of tires, if it catches fire, can burn intensely, and produce toxic smoke.

The two piles at Assiniboia and the R.M. of Eldon were somewhat unique given the sheer volume of tires and because they were the result of failed scrap tire processing ventures from years ago.

“Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan continues to operate and administer their successful and effective tire-recycling program,” Minister of Environment Dana Skoropad said. “I appreciate the work TSS has done in reducing our legacy tire inventory and their continued focus on improving tire recycling.”

“TSS is committed to address the legacy tire problem in the province and eliminating abandoned scrap tire piles,” says Colin Fraser, Chair of TSS.



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“Completion of this project is another example of how TSS is determined to manage scrap tires better,” says Stevyn Arnt, Executive Director. “We are also working with the recycling industry to make some changes to produce higher-value end use products to displace higher carbon intensive products and keep consumer recycling fees low, while also lowering our direct GHG emissions through more efficient collections.” continued Arnt.

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.

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