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Press Release

New Northern Scrap Tire Processor Announced

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Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS) has signed an agreement with Emterra Tire Recycling Ltd. (ETR) to be the northern scrap tire processor. ETR will develop a scrap tire processing facility near Saskatoon to handle scrap tires collected in the northern part of the province. The northern facility is expected to be open and available to accept scrap tires by mid-2026.

ETR, headquartered in Ontario, has a large scrap tire processing facility and other recycling facilities across Canada and into the United States. ETR was a top contender for the contract based on their submission to an RFP issued by TSS in 2024.

"We are excited to have another industry leading processor investing in the province to give the required capacity to process the annual scrap tire volumes generated," said TSS Board Chair Colin Fraser. "Emterra Tire Recycling, to be located near Saskatoon will eventually focus on higher value crumb production."

"We saw the opportunity and offered to bring our deep recycling experience and expertise to Saskatchewan and we're pleased to be able to move forward with this unique opportunity to enhance the recovery of valuable tire resources," said Emmie Leung, CEO of Emterra Group. "We look forward to working with TSS and the rest of the industry to develop value products and markets for a thriving local circular economy."

ETR has also signed a contract to handle the primary processing of the scrap tires that are being stored by TSS at Clavet. The Clavet yard served as a temporary relief yard while the northern processor was being finalized. ETR expects to begin processing the tires at Clavet this fall. Once ETR's full facility is up and running, the Clavet yard will be decommissioned.

This announcement follows two other recent developments at TSS: the hiring of a new Executive Director, Michael Solkoski, and the three-year approval of a new product stewardship program, where TSS will continue to oversee Saskatchewan's scrap tire recycling. A new, expanded board of directors will be in place by the fall.



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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. 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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