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## **Press Release**

## Northern Processor Chosen after Competitive Process

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Tire Stewardship of Saskatchewan (TSS) is pleased to announce that Crumb Rubber Manufacturers Ltd (CRM) is the successful proponent for the northern tire processing contract. The request for proposals process took place over the last several months, with support from the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement.

TSS will immediately begin negotiations with CRM on a contract. Once a contract is secured, CRM will start development on a new tire processing facility in the Saskatoon area. There were four proposals received. TSS will not share the names of the unsuccessful proponents, or any information about the bids received, due to the commercially sensitive nature of the contents.

To improve efficiency and program costs, once up and running, TSS will have two locations for processing scrap tires in the province, one in Moose Jaw, and this second location serving the north.

"TSS is committed to running an efficient program on behalf of tire retailers and consumers," says Colin Fraser, Chair of TSS. "With processing in the south and in the north, program costs will be reduced as will environmental impacts," 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. 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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