

TSM Celebrates one year anniversary

Tire Stewardship Manitoba (TSM) is celebrating its first year operating Manitoba's scrap tire recycling program in partnership with Manitoba municipalities who continue to play a leading role in the efforts to improve the storage, collection and recycling of scrap tires in the province.

TSM is a not-for-profit organization formed as a stewardship agency to represent the tire retailers of Manitoba. TSM has had its tire stewardship program approved

by Manitoba Conservation and is accountable to its stakeholders and the public for the collection, processing and environmentally sound disposal of all scrap tires in accordance with The Tire Stewardship Regulation, 2006. TSM replaced government's Tire Stewardship Board (TSB) in operation from 1995 to 2008.

A major accomplishment of TSM's first year was the smooth transition from government to industry. A few significant

changes have been made in the transition including: new and varying eco fees according to tire type to make the program financially viable and avoid cross-subsidization; TSM collection of eco-fees directly from tire retailers; collection and recycling of all tires and tubes; and governance structure changes to reflect the appointment of a new board representing industry stewards.

Notable initiatives for 2008 saw TSM, with the support of government cost-sharing, conduct a major OTR scrap tire clean-up to collect and process nearly 12,000 OTR tires. These efforts have reduced the OTR scrap tire inventory to a typical yearly flow that will now be managed through the TSM program. TSM also reinstated the 50-cent scrap tire storage incentive to registered municipal landfills, for aggregating and temporarily storing scrap tires in readiness for hauling to processors. The incentive has eliminated tipping fees that crept into the system over the past few years and improved the way tires are stored, further reducing fire, environmental and human health hazards.

TSM and program stakeholders assisted the City of Winnipeg in its efforts to use over 11 tonnes of scrap tires to pave a pedestrian-bicycle path along Bishop Grandin Boulevard. It also supported Green Manitoba's efforts to assist the Village of Dunnottar explore the feasibility of using Manitoba's scrap tire aggregate as a passive filtration technology to improve the quality of Dunnottar's wastewater lagoon effluent. TSM continues to be a proud supporter of the Be Tire Smart Campaign which focuses on educating the motoring public on the benefits of proper tire inflation and maintenance.

There were 10,161 tonnes of scrap tires processed from April to December; and 95% of the scrap tires collected were recycled in Manitoba into products such as aggregate, crumb rubber, blast mats and moulded products. The remainder was exported as a fuel supplement replacing fossil fuel.

To view the complete TSM 2008 Annual Report online visit www.tirestewardshipmb.ca or contact TSM at info@tsmb.ca, by telephone (204) 661-3242, or toll free (866) 724-5002. Municipalities requiring scrap tire collection can call Reliable Tire Recycling at (204) 774-0725 for all scrap tires and tubes or OTR Recycling at (204) 768-3766 for off-the-road (OTR) scrap tires. 🌱



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