



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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RE: ONTARIO TIRE STEWARDSHIP USED TIRES PROGRAM UPDATE

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with updates regarding the Used Tires Stewardship Program.

The City of Barrie Landfill Site has been collecting used tires from residents and commercial businesses at no charge and had received an incentive from the Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) ranging from \$0.88 to \$3.05 per tire. From January 2016 to December 2018 the City of Barrie (City) had received approximately \$9,500 in revenue.

On February 17th, 2017, the former Ontario Minister of the Environment (MOE) issued direction to Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) to develop a wind-up plan for the Used Tires Program in order to transition to an Individual Producer Responsibility model under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA). Under this new model, Tire Producers are responsible for collecting and managing tires supplied to customers in Ontario. The Regulation establishes mandatory and enforceable tire collection targets for Producers.

The OTS Used Tires Program ended on December 31st, 2018. The new arrangement does not provide for incentives to municipalities for acceptance of used tires. Under the new Tire Regulation, municipalities who choose to continue to collect tires must register with the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA, or the Authority), must continue to report on tires collected, and will no longer receive an incentive (revenue) to collect tires.

It is expected that many used tires will still show up at Barrie's Waste Management Facility for some time to come and simply disallowing acceptance may well result in considerable improper disposal thus resulting in our environmental choice to continue to accept used tires for disposal.

The City of Barrie Landfill Site has registered with the Authority as of September 7th, 2018. The Barrie Landfill Site will continue to collect tires at no charge but will no longer receive incentives as of January 1st, 2019. Based on yearly averages, this represents a projected loss of \$4000-6000 in revenue per year – gradually waning until the new approach of Producer Responsibility becomes commonplace practice.

Should members of Council have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sandra Brunet, Manager of Environmental Operations at extension 6140.