



2013 Community Grant Program Open for Applications

For Immediate Release

Vancouver, B.C. – Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC), the association responsible for operating and managing the province's scrap tire recycling program, is now accepting applications for its 2013 Community Grant Program.

The Community Grant Program provides matching funds up to a maximum of \$30,000 for not-for-profit organizations, schools, municipalities etc. that use BC recycled rubber in their projects. Applications will be reviewed, processed and grants awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. The application period will close on or before December 31, 2013, dependent on available funds.

The majority of tires collected under TSBC's program are recycled into consumer and industrial products, providing numerous economic, employment and environmental benefits right here in BC.

More than 60 million vehicle tires have been recycled in the province since 1991, when the scrap tire recycling program was launched. The 2012 edition of the Community Grant Program kept close to 1.5 million pounds of rubber out of BC landfills by contributing almost \$710,000.00 towards the use of crumb rubber in community projects throughout the province.

Applications of recycled BC rubber include:

- **Playgrounds** – Surfacing is completely wheelchair accessible and provides safety by cushioning falls, allowing people of all ages and abilities to participate fully and experience the joy of physical activity and play.
- **Sidewalks and Trails** - Provides cushioning support that is more comfortable for walking and jogging. Surfacing is friendly to plant root systems and is water permeable. It is also easily maintained and installed.
- **Outdoor Fitness Parks** - Rubber pavement cushions fitness station areas and provides residents with easy access.
- **Water Parks** - Water permeability and a soft surface make BC recycled rubber an excellent choice for spray parks and pools.
- **Athletic tracks** - Running tracks made from recycled rubber offer significant advantages over other track surfaces, including reduced stress on a runner's legs.
- **Synthetic Turf Fields** - Sports fields that use crumb rubber particles as infill material increase the resiliency of the field, resulting in cost-efficient, low-maintenance surfaces that can be used in all weather conditions. The Synthetic Turf Council estimates that the total amount of synthetic turf installed in North America conserves more than three billion gallons of water each year.

Visit www.tirestewardshipbc.ca for more information.

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Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC) is a not-for-profit society formed to accept responsibility for the provincial scrap-tire recycling program. TSBC submitted its Stewardship Plan to the Ministry on August 17, 2006. Ministry approval was received on September 19, 2006. On January 1, 2007 TSBC launched the new scrap-tire recycling program replacing the government-run program that had been in place since 1991.

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