

# Annual Report to the Director 2020



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# Tire Stewardship BC

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### 2020

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## 1. Executive Summary

<b>Products within plan</b>	Tires
<b>Program website</b>	<a href="http://www.tsbc.ca">www.tsbc.ca</a>

Recycling Regulation Reference	Topic	TSBC – 2020 Summary Report
Part 2, section 8(2)(a)	<a href="#">Public Education Materials and Strategies</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSBC continued its educational campaign in 2020 but the proposed plan was impacted by COVID-19 as all face-to-face interactions, including community events and collection events, were cancelled. Thanks to the creativity of our team, TSBC pivoted to a campaign creating awareness and messaging through various channels such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio and bus ads in key markets identified by either population or need;</li> <li>• Advertorials in key markets;</li> <li>• A stronger online presence that included social and digital media; and</li> <li>• Continuing the Community Grant Program to incent the use of BC rubber in qualified projects across the province (14 in 2020).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Part 2, section 8(2)(b)	<a href="#">Collection System and Facilities</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As in previous years, TSBC offered options to the public beyond the acceptance of their replaced tires through BC retailers when they purchase new ones. Tires not left with the retailer, known as “orphan” tires, were also captured through:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to Retailer (R2R) program, through which over 800 retailers currently accept up to 4 tires from each member of the public. Another avenue used in the past has been Tire Round-Ups but these were on hold during 2020 due to COVID-19.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scrap tires from other registered sites such as auto wreckers, small auto body shops and garages were also collected by haulers for the program.</li> </ul>
Part 2, section 8(2)(c)	<a href="#">Product Environmental Impact Reduction, Reusability and Recyclability</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reduction</b> initiatives focused on educating the public on extending the life of tires to keep them out of the waste stream as long as possible.</li> <li>• <b>Reusability</b> of tires continued to be realized through retreading and “culling” of good used tires for re-use.</li> <li>• <b>Recyclability</b> enhancements remain challenging, given the durable structure of a tire, designed to ensure safety and a long road life.</li> </ul>

Recycling Regulation Reference	Topic	TSBC – 2020 Summary Report
Part 2, section 8(2)(d)	<a href="#">Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product / Component Management</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSBC has always incented the 3R (recycling) options over 4R (energy recovery) options through the financial incentive rates offered for each.</li> <li>• In 2020, 88.4% of the total tonnes of rubber processed were recycled.</li> </ul>
Part 2, section 8(2)(e)  Part 2, section 8(2)(e.1)	<a href="#">Recovery Rate and Product Sold and Collected</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2020 “Recovery Rate” was 93% across all regulated tire types. See <a href="#">Appendix B</a> for a copy of the Audit Report.</li> <li>• See <a href="#">Appendix C</a> for breakdown of collection by Regional District.</li> </ul>
Part 2, section 8(2)(f)	<a href="#">Summary of Deposits, Refunds, Revenues and Expenses</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See <a href="#">Section 8</a> for the reference to TSBC’s independently audited financial statements, which are included as <a href="#">Appendix A</a> to this report.</li> <li>• Note that the Advance Disposal Fee rates have <u>not increased</u> since 2008.</li> </ul>

**Plan Performance – 2020**

Performance Measures (as agreed with the Ministry)		Annual Targets				Performance																																			
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Performance Measures (as agreed with the Ministry)		Annual Targets	Performance
3.	Number of collection sites (i.e. registered retailers that will take back a scrap tire from the consumer at the time a new tire is sold)	1,850	2,016
4.	a) Total number of retailers and generators in BC that take back orphan tires (R2R) b) Number of R2Rs in each Regional District	a) 800 province-wide  b) At least 25% of registered retailers in each Regional District are R2R locations	a) 801  b) Achieved
5.	Education and Awareness a) Awareness of where to take scrap tires for safe disposal b) Awareness of where to go to find information on safe disposal locations	a) 59%  b) 75%	a) 48%*  b) 62%*

\* please reference [Section 3 / Consumer Education and Awareness](#) for further discussion on these results.

## **2. Program Outline**

TIRE STEWARDSHIP BC ASSOCIATION (TSBC) is a not-for-profit society responsible for operating BC's scrap tire recycling program in accordance with its Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy approved [Tire Stewardship Plan](#) and the [BC Recycling Regulation](#).

The society is governed by a Board comprised of [seven directors](#) representing the following member organizations:

- Retail Council of Canada;
- Western Canada Tire Dealers Association;
- Tire and Rubber Association of Canada; and
- New Car Dealers Association of BC.

TSBC is accountable to its stakeholders and the public for the collection, processing and environmentally sound disposal of all scrap tires designated under the BC Recycling Regulation.

TSBC collects an eco-fee on the sale of every new tire from TSBC registered retailers (producers) including on-line sales as well as tires on vehicles imported from the United States. The eco-fee rates are set by TSBC and vary based on tire size and category. 100% of the fees collected are applied to the operation of the program, including transportation and processing of the tires, program administration, communication and education, community grants, as well as a reserve fund. In 2020, of the \$22M collected in eco-fees, \$20.5M was paid out in Transportation, Processing and Manufacturing Incentives, representing 92% of all expenses and \$250,000 was awarded in grants for 14 projects in communities throughout BC.

TSBC operates a retail-based collection system. Most consumers leave their scrap tires at the retailer location when purchasing new tires. These tires are collected on a regular basis by haulers that transport the tires to three processing sites in BC, two in Delta and one on Vancouver Island. Some motorists choose to take their scrap tires home for disposal at a later date. TSBC refers to these tires as "orphan" tires and offers the consumer two free disposal options: drop off at collection events throughout the year and/or at over 800 Return to Retailer (R2R) locations throughout BC that accept up to 4 car tires, clean and off-rim, from the public. TSBC publishes the [collection events](#) and [R2R locations](#) on its website. The R2R location information is also available through the Recycling Council of BC's [Recyclepedia](#) app and the [BCRecycles](#) online tool.

After tires are collected, the majority are recycled into products by Western Rubber Products located in Delta with the remainder used for energy recovery. The products created are coloured landscaping mulch and crumb rubber. The crumb rubber is processed into new products such as playground surfaces, tiles, arena flooring and agricultural mats. With the Manufacturing Incentive Program and landscaping mulch

product, TSBC is pleased to report that the volume of finished products made from BC rubber *in BC* continues to grow and since 2010 has more than **tripled** with significant growth anticipated going forward.

All of the scrap tires collected are recycled right here in BC due in part to the success and growth of the Delta recycler, Western Rubber Products, and the manufacturer North West Rubber located in Abbotsford. Both companies have made significant investments in recent years to grow their capability, capacity and product lines and are continuing to do so, strengthening their position in a competitive marketplace.

### **3. Public Education Materials and Strategies**

TSBC focuses its stakeholder outreach on a broad education and communication campaign, raising consumer awareness on “where the money goes” and “where the tires go.”

In 2020, TSBC had planned to build on and increase its consumer awareness program. However, as this program involves direct engagement with the public at community festivals, general recycling events and specific tire collection events, TSBC was unable to proceed due to COVID-19.

Recognizing the need to continue to educate and raise consumer awareness, TSBC quickly pivoted to a new approach. The objective of the program was to increase awareness of tire recycling across BC residents, especially vehicle owners, and to improve their understanding of the connection between scrap tires and their second life. The call to action was to highlight the consumer’s ability to find a recycling location through the Recycling Council of BCs Recyclepedia and / or the TSBC web site. The messaging was delivered via bus ads, radio ads and digital media, supported by social media posts. The bus and radio ads were delivered in markets either determined by population (Vancouver and Victoria) or by feedback from local governments that specifically requested TSBC conduct more education in their regions (Fraser Fort George and East Kootenay).

In addition to these efforts, TSBC also engages with the public in the following ways:

#### ***Community Grant Program***

The [Community Grant Program](#) is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and has provided over \$5.5M in grants to over 300 projects in 92+ communities throughout BC. The program provides matching funds up to a maximum of \$30,000 per project to not-for-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, etc., that use BC recycled rubber. This program not only benefits the communities but is an excellent way to get the word out on “what happens to the tires” and “what happens to the money.” The ability to showcase how British Columbians benefit when scrap tires are diverted from landfill and recycled into marketable products is invaluable.

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In 2020, grants were awarded to 14 applicants from communities throughout BC, which used approximately 210,000 lbs of BC rubber, the equivalent of approximately 14,000 car tires, for playground and spray park surfaces, recreational flooring, pathways and outdoor fitness area projects. The Community Grant Program was featured in community papers and on social media. Applicants are required to have onsite signage to officially recognize TSBC as a contributor to these important projects and to advise the local MLA and Mayor and Council of the project and the grant.

### ***Partnerships – [Artist Response Team \(ART\)](#)***

TSBC continued to sponsor the production and delivery of the Voices of Nature & [Rock the Salish Sea Tour](#) and [UP Your Watershed](#) concerts in 2020, but these were quickly cut short due to COVID-19. However, ART still managed to deliver the program to three schools and moved quickly to create online videos and prepare a plan to deliver the program online to students. This is an innovative Sing out for the Earth program that combines music and ecological education and is designed to reach children in elementary school, their teachers and their families. The program focuses on environmental stewardship, sending a strong message that the key to protecting nature in our daily lives is by reducing and managing waste. The program continues to receive accolades from the teachers, students and parents. TSBC's ability to connect with the school children in such a meaningful way has led to TSBC's commitment for funding in 2021.

### ***Partnerships – [First Nations Recycling Initiative](#)***

Led by Recycle BC, in conjunction with 8 other stewards, TSBC funds this very important initiative that supports First Nations who are interested in starting recycling programs in their communities. The program is administered by a dedicated First Nations field service specialist who meets with communities around BC and guides and supports their recycling needs, providing tools and resources. In 2019 TSBC worked with four of the communities to hold collection events to clean up existing materials on site. In 2020, TSBC also became a member of the [Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group](#) and looks forward to working and supporting this group in their efforts.

### ***Partnerships – Clean Ups***

TSBC will continue to work with any organization to assist with tire removal that can range from landowner property clean ups to beach clean ups.

### ***Educational Tools – [TSBC website](#)***

The website is designed to provide information to two main stakeholder groups: registered participants and the public. In 2021, TSBC will be launching a new site that will act as an educational tool for both the public and program participants. For the public, the website includes information on:

- Recycling drop off locations (R2R);
- Community events (public events attended by TSBC and tire collection events);
- Community Grant Program;



- TSBC videos on TSBC’s YouTube channel;
- Tire recycled products; and
- Stewardship Plans and Annual Reports.

***Educational Tools – Social Media & Digital Media***

TSBC continues to grow its presence online with increased activity on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Although a good forum for promoting Round-Ups and TSBC’s attendance at community events, the biggest engagement occurred as the result of posting unique tire recycling ideas from around the globe and general recycling stories. This led to increased traffic, increased followers and subsequently increased engagement and awareness by the public about recycled products and drop off locations for orphan tires. In 2020, TSBC also engaged in ads for digital media to supplement its communications campaign related to the bus and radio ads. TSBC will repeat this again in 2021 and will also include brand campaign videos.

***Educational Tools – RCBC Hotline and Recyclepedia & BC Recycles***

As in prior years, TSBC contributed funding to the [Recycling Council of BC](#) to operate the [Recycling Hotline](#) and its Recyclepedia [Smart Phone App](#). TSBC also contributes to and supports the BC Recycles website, a Stewardship Agencies of BC (SABC) initiative. These tools are excellent resources for the consumer, particularly for information on tire drop off locations, and align with the Ministry’s desire to have a one-stop-shop for citizens of BC looking for information on where to recycle their waste.

**Table 1** Consumer Education and Awareness – 2020

Performance Measure	2020 Target	2020 Performance
<b>Awareness of where to take scrap tires for safe disposal</b>	59%	48% <i>(63% SABC survey)</i>
<b>Awareness of where to go to find information on safe disposal locations</b>	75%	62% <i>(77% SABC survey)</i>

Prior to 2019, TSBC’s consumer awareness surveys were completed through the multi-steward SABC survey conducted every two years. TSBC used the results of the 2016 SABC survey as the baseline to set the targets in its current Stewardship Plan; they were achieved in 2018, TSBC’s first year of reporting on consumer education and awareness targets and again in 2020.

In 2019 and 2020, TSBC conducted its own survey in partnership with the BC Used Oil Management Association and this reduced-scope / higher customized survey yielded very different performance results as shown in [Table 1](#) above for both years. Other BC stewardship programs that participate in the multi-steward SABC survey also run their own surveys and have confirmed to TSBC that their individual survey results are also lower than in the SABC survey.

TSBC understands the most notable reason for the discrepancy in the SABC versus individual survey results is survey fatigue. This is because responses in the SABC survey are required for multiple stewardship programs combined with the fact that Return-it is the first program listed, and the nature of its product attracts high consumer awareness due to its strong marketing and brand awareness program. Going forward, TSBC will continue to participate in the SABC survey.

Due to COVID-19, some momentum was lost but with lessons learned from both the 2019 and 2020 communications program, TSBC will continue the same approach in 2021 and incorporate the community event approach back into the program in 2022. The focus areas will continue to be guided by local government feedback and population considerations.

In addition to the disposal messaging, TSBC's communications program will focus on educating the consumer on "Reduce", a key R in the hierarchy that is often overlooked but is critical to the environment now and in the future. TSBC's 2021 communication efforts will also focus on the retailers (producers) with the objective of helping them understand their role and responsibilities in the program, and developing relationships to allow for partnerships when it comes to collection event hosting, additional R2R participants, and potential grant program partners.

#### **4. Collection System and Facilities**

As the tire program is a retailer-based collection system, TSBC defines a collection facility as *"a TSBC registered retailer (producer) that, in the normal course of business, will accept one scrap tire for every new tire sold."* This definition reflects that not all tire retailers are in a position to take back a scrap tire for every new tire sold. An example is Home Depot, which may sell a trailer with new tires even though their primary business is not selling tires or equipment with new tires.

In 2020 there were 2,016 collection facilities compared to 2,037 in 2019. Although the change is minimal there are events occurring throughout the year that affect the numbers, such as new retailer locations, closed locations, and changes in retailer businesses that resulted in the retailers no longer meeting the definition of a collection facility.

Unlike other product stewardship programs where consumers must choose between putting their end-of-life product into the waste stream or taking it to a collection depot for recycling, most motorists exchange their old tires for new ones at the time of purchase. These tires are collected from the retailers by haulers, some of whom sort and cull the good used tires for reuse, with the remainder transported to TSBC registered processors. The majority of scrap tires generated annually are picked up at tire retailer locations where they are held for collection at no cost to the program.

TSBC also collects scrap tires from other registered sites that generate scrap tires as part of their normal business operations, such as auto wreckers and small auto body shops and garages.

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An estimated 4.5% of the total annual generation collected results from motorists who choose to take their old tires home rather than leave them with the retailer for disposal. Ultimately, most of these orphan tires end up at a landfill where they are held for collection by haulers. Recognizing this as a cost and logistical problem for some landfills, TSBC continues to work on providing alternative disposal options such as the Return to Retailer (R2R) program and tire Round-Up events. The decrease in the volume of tires going to landfill (6% in 2012) indicates that the measures TSBC has put in place as alternate disposal methods are working. As a result of a recruitment drive for R2Rs during past Ambassador Tours, communications from the TSBC office, and during TSBC's Compliance Review visits, TSBC has seen an increase in the number of R2R locations from 449 in 2012 to 801 at the end of 2020. R2Rs are registered retailers that have voluntarily agreed to accept up to 4 clean and off-rim car tires from the public. In addition to the TSBC website, the list of R2R locations is available on the BC Recycles website and the Recyclepedia app.

In its current Stewardship Plan TSBC committed to initiating a review to understand the challenges for local government and private depots in handling tires. A survey was distributed in June 2020 and the results shared with the Ministry. TSBC presented the results, responses and where appropriate the committed actions to Ministry staff and members of the BC Product Stewardship Council. TSBC will also be responding directly to other depots that responded and work with them on a case-by-case basis. Many of the actions have been implemented and TSBC will continue to monitor the results of these actions through surveys with affected stakeholders.

Important to note in the context of tires disposed of at landfills is the waste audit process that is conducted annually. In conjunction with all SABC members, TSBC participates and funds waste audits in a minimum of one Regional District per year. In 2020, SABC participated in three waste audits with tires representing the following percentages:

1. Metro Vancouver (Coquitlam, Surrey Vancouver South transfer stations & North Vancouver landfill): 0.06%
2. Squamish Lillooet Regional District (Lillooet landfill and Whistler transfer station): 0.05%
3. District of Squamish (Squamish landfill): 0.05%

Despite being non-program materials, bike tires and tubes were included in the count as TSBC offers to collect and recycle them free of charge. This initiative has been in place since 2011 and in 2020, TSBC is pleased to report it has collected and recycled approximately 70,000 tires and tubes.

In prior years, TSBC has hosted province-wide tire collection events where the public can drop off any tire size, on or off rim, at no charge. However, in 2020 all of these events were cancelled due to COVID-19 and TSBC anticipates this will continue through 2021.

## 5. Product Environmental Impact Reduction, Reusability and Recyclability

TSBC and producers continue to seek opportunities to reduce the environmental impacts associated with the life cycle of a tire, and to increase its reusability at the end of that cycle.

### ***Reduction***

While managing tires at their end of life is important, lengthening their lives so that fewer are used is essential – this is an area where both the motorist and industry can play a part. The life of a tire is significantly increased with proper tire maintenance, i.e., keeping tire pressure at the correct level. Tire manufacturers are making progress with the introduction of innovative tire lines specifically designed and constructed for low rolling resistance, which improves fuel efficiency. Motorists can also play their part by ensuring tires are properly inflated and maintained. TSBC continues to work in partnership with the Tire and Rubber Association of Canada in their annual [Be Tire Smart](#) campaign which focuses on educating the motoring public on the benefits of proper tire inflation and maintenance.

### ***Reusability***

Retreading of medium truck tires and Off-the-Road (OTR) tires is an ongoing commercially viable activity and accounts for significant volumes of tires diverted from end-of-life management. TSBC's program incents this activity by **not** assessing an eco-fee on retreaded tires (equivalent to \$9 per medium truck tire). As retreaded tires are not program tires, their sales are not included in the diversion statistics. However, both medium truck and OTR tire retreading will continue to increase under the program as a result of the commercial strength of the market for this product.

The retreading of passenger and light truck tires is not currently recommended as these types of tires are not designed by the manufacturer to be retreaded. In addition, the culling by scrap tire haulers of worn tires not yet at their end-of-life has occurred since the program's inception in 1991. Most culled tires are exported and as such, never enter the recycling system in BC.

### ***Recyclability***

TSBC's ability to influence product design to increase recyclability is extremely limited. While an accepted and theoretically possible outcome in some industries, automotive tires are not simple consumer commodities. Instead, they are a critical element in the safe operation of motor vehicles. For this reason, the design and operating parameters of tires are mandated by federal regulation and international agreement.

The things that make a tire "safe" also tend to be those that make it difficult to recycle. That said, the international tire manufacturers are responding to the environmental challenges of tire manufacturing by doing such things as replacing high aromatic petroleum-based oils with bio-based oils from corn, canola, oranges, etc. In addition, manufacturers are beginning to incorporate recycled rubber into selected tire

types and are actively investing in new sources of natural rubber supply such as guayule and Russian Dandelion, which can be produced in North America.

Note: In late 2020, reports alleged that tire wear particles were linked to the death of Coho salmon in Washington State. The Tire & Rubber Association of Canada issued a [statement](#) and TSBC will post any updates on this issue to the [News and Updates](#) section of its web site.

## **6. Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product / Component Management**

TSBC manages collected products in accordance with the “pollution prevention hierarchy”, i.e., recycle (3R) before energy recovery (4R) before residual disposal (5R). TSBC incents the processing of scrap tires into higher value-added products by providing higher financial incentives to recycle a tire than to use a tire for energy recovery. Beyond primary processing, TSBC promotes the use of BC’s recycled rubber in products manufactured in BC through a Manufacturing Incentive.

[Table 2](#), which follows these descriptions, provides the 2020 results based on the various categories broken down by component type – rubber, steel and fibre.

### ***3R Recycling***

Referred to in the industry as Tire Derived Product (TDP), this category includes the rubber component that has been recycled and sold to market; it does not include rubber that is in inventory at the processor’s site as a product for sale at a later date. The reporting category also includes steel, extracted in the recycling process, sold as a product to an end use market. Should a recycling market for fibre be found, the fibre directed to this end use would also be reflected on this category.

### ***4R Energy Recovery***

Referred to in the industry as Tire Derived Fuel (TDF), this category comprises not only the rubber but also the fibre extracted in the recycling process that is sold to a kiln. As iron is required in the kiln feed and the ash produced contains elements required in the chemistry of clinker, the tires are not only a fuel source but a beneficial raw material for the production of clinker at the cement plant. In addition, with an average of 25% of a tire comprised of natural rubber, a renewable resource, energy recovered from tires can be categorized as a biofuel.

### ***5R Residuals***

Residuals include waste material from the recycling process – rubber, steel and fibre – that is ultimately disposed of at landfill. Typically, this would only include the rubber component (sweepings or non-processable material) unless there is a drop in demand for steel and fibre, triggered by market forces beyond the control of the processor. In late 2020, the primary recipient of the fibre had a workplace accident that closed the plant for several months. Being a highly flammable material that should never be inventoried on site at the processing facility, TSBC permitted the disposal of fibre at landfill while the

processor sought out new markets. TSBC is pleased to report the flow of fibre to energy recovery was resumed in early 2021 and back up markets are now in place should a similar situation arise.

**Table 2** Product Hierarchy Results – 2020

Component	Recycling (3R)	Energy Recovery (4R)	Landfill (5R)
Rubber	88.4%	10.8%	0.8%
Steel	100%		
Fibre		92.8%	7.2%

TSBC supports a mix of recycling and energy recovery end uses to ensure there is a market for all BC scrap tires and recycled tire products. This policy of allowing some tires to be used as a fuel supplement, in place since 1991, is economically and environmentally sound. It is a lower cost alternative which helps TSBC contain eco-fee levels, and all usage has appropriate environmental permits.

Tires used for energy recovery are market driven and vary from year to year. For example, the usage was at an all-time low in 2012 due to economic conditions in the cement industry combined with a record high demand for recycled products. However, increased use of tires for energy recovery can occur when recycling product markets decline, such as the economic downturn in 2008 to 2010. In recent years, the volume of BC tires consumed by Lehigh in Delta has been consistent.

The volume of whole tires and shred directed for energy recovery remains within TSBC’s target of 13%. TSBC continues to work with industry through its Research and Development program and current participants to find recycling end uses for the fibre. Research to date includes the use of recycled tire fibre in concrete applications creating a value-added product that in most provinces is considered waste and landfilled.

**7. Recovery Rate and Product Sold and Collected**

The measure of effectiveness of stewardship programs recommended by the BC Recycling Regulation is the “Recovery Rate”, defined as the actual number of scrap tires collected divided by the actual number of new tires sold in the reporting year. A report conducted by TSBC’s audit firm concluded the Recovery Rate as currently defined for a product with a life span beyond 1 year is not appropriate in the case of tires; this is because, with the robust tire collection system in place, the factors impacting the difference between sales and collection are the long-term life of a tire, tires sales trends (winter tires, new car sales / vehicle registrations) and to a lesser degree the export of used tires for reuse. In TSBC’s current Stewardship Plan approved by the Ministry on December 7, 2018, the Recovery Rate for tires is defined as the “actual number of scrap tires collected in the reporting year/ divided by the actual number of new

tires sold 5 years prior” – a more meaningful measure which aligns with an objective of the Ministry for all stewardship programs.

**Table 3 Recovery Rate**

Units Collected 2020	Units Sold 2015	Recovery Rate
3,480,332	3,739,542	<b>93%</b>

**Table 4 Product Sold and Collected in 2020**

Tire category	Units Sold	Units collected and delivered to a processor
<b>Passenger &amp; Light Truck</b>	3,736,594	3,161,274
<b>Medium Truck</b>	348,919	310,084
<b>Large Agricultural</b>	17,500	7,442
<b>Logger / Skidder</b>	3,490	1,532
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,106,503</b>	<b>3,480,332</b>

## 8. Summary of Deposits, Refunds, Revenues and Expenditures

The TSBC program is funded by an Advance Disposal Fee (ADF), commonly referred to as an eco-fee. It is a condition of registration with TSBC that retailers remit ADFs monthly for every new tire sold to cover the costs of the program, which are primarily the collection and processing of the scrap tires.

The ADFs are set by TSBC and vary by tire type to adequately compensate for the higher costs of collecting and disposing of larger tires. The fees in 2020 for the different tire types, shown in Table 5 below, have not increased since 2008, aligning with a goal of the program to “sustain or reduce the average Advance Disposal Fee”.

**Table 5** Advance Disposal Fees – 2020

Tire category	ADF per tire
Passenger & Light Truck (PLT)	\$5
Medium Truck (MT)	\$9
Agricultural Drive	\$15
Logger / Skidder	\$35

Other OTR tires are excluded from the Recycling Regulation because until recently there were very limited recycling solutions for these larger tires. 100% of fees collected are used for the operation of the scrap tire recycling program.

Program revenues and expenses are provided in TSBC’s 2020 independently audited financial statements, included as [Appendix A](#).

## 9. Plan Performance

TSBC is currently operating under its [2018 Stewardship Plan](#) approved by the Ministry on December 7, 2018. In this plan, TSBC set new performance measures and targets as reported in **Table 6** below, and reporting commitments as reported in **Table 7** below.

**Table 6** Performance Measures, Targets and Results 2020

Performance Measures (as agreed with the Ministry)		Annual Targets	Performance
1.	Recovery Rate <u>(Total # Units Collected in reporting year / Total # Units Sold 5 years prior to reporting year)</u>	90%	93%



Performance Measures (as agreed with the Ministry)		Annual Targets			Performance				
2.	<p>The percentage allocation of total tonnes of scrap tires (i.e. all rubber, steel and fibre) <u>processed and shipped</u></p> <p>Note: on average rubber accounts for 70% of the total weight with 15% steel and 15% fibre.</p>								
			Recycling	Energy Recovery	Landfill		Recycling	Energy Recovery	Landfill
		Rubber	86%	13%	1%	Rubber	88.4%	10.8.0%	0.8%
		Steel	100%			Steel	100%		
	Fibre		98%	2%	Fibre	92.8%	7.2%		
3.	Number of collection sites (i.e. registered retailers that will take back a scrap tire from the consumer at the time a new tire is sold)	1,850			2,016				
4.	a) Total number of retailers and generators in BC that take back orphan tires (R2R)	c) 800 province-wide			c) 801				
	b) Number of R2Rs in each Regional District	d) At least 25% of registered retailers in each Regional District are R2R locations			d) Achieved				
5.	a) Awareness of where to take scrap tires for safe disposal	c) 59%			c) 48%*				
	b) Awareness of where to go to find information on safe disposal locations	d) 75%			d) 62%*				

\* please reference [Section 3 / Consumer Education and Awareness](#) for further discussion on these results.

**Table 7 Reporting Commitments**

Reporting Commitments	
1.	Total tonnes collected by Regional District in a calendar year – <a href="#">Appendix C</a>
2.	Dates, locations and results of tire collection events – n/a
3.	Number of legitimate collection complaints received by TSBC - 1
4.	Number of consumer complaints received by TSBC – zero
5.	Results of SABC waste audits and any local government waste audits if data is shared directly with / made available directly to TSBC – <a href="#">Section 4</a>
6.	Comparison of results to targets for all Performance Measures – <a href="#">Table 6</a>
7.	Independently audited financial statements – <a href="#">Appendix A</a>
8.	Non-financial audit report – <a href="#">Appendix B</a>
9.	Total product collected and sold in the reporting year – <a href="#">Table 4</a>
10.	Description of how the product was managed in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy – <a href="#">Section 6</a> and <a href="#">Table 2</a>
11.	Location of collection facilities – <a href="#">Appendix D</a>
12.	Description of educational materials and educational strategies used – <a href="#">Section 3</a>
13.	Efforts taken to reduce environmental impacts, to increase reusability and recyclability – <a href="#">Section 5</a>



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**Appendix A: [2020 Audited Financial Statements](#)**

**Appendix B: [2020 Non-Financial Information Audit Report](#)**

**Appendix C: [Collection Volumes by Tire Type by Regional District](#)**

**Appendix D: [Collection Facility Locations](#)**