

April 1, 2021

Mr. Bruce Bando
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Dear Mr. Bando

RE: Approval of Used Tires Program (UTP) Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum

I am writing to advise you that the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (“the Authority”) has approved, without conditions, OTS’ proposed Used Tires Program (UTP) Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum.

On April 21, 2020, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks directed OTS to amend its wind up plan so that any remaining surplus funds be returned to stewards in proportion to the stewards’ contribution of the surplus for only those tire classes that are in a surplus position. As outlined in the Minister’s direction, it is expected that stewards will use the returned surplus funds to offset the cost of collecting and managing tires under the RRCEA and that offsetting these costs should benefit consumers when they purchase new tires.

OTS conducted a series of one-on-one consultations with key stakeholders during early January 2021 and a proposed UTP Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum was submitted to the Authority on January 12, 2021.

On January 29, 2021, the Authority posted OTS’ proposed UTP Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum to the Authority’s website followed by a consultation webinar conducted by the Authority on February 11, 2021. As required by the *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016* (WDTA), the Authority’s consultation session was open to all UTP Program participants, including producers, service providers and municipalities, environmental organizations, consumer associations, Ontario residents and other interested stakeholders. The Authority accepted stakeholder feedback until the close of the consultation period on February 26, 2021. The feedback received during the consultation period informed and supported the Authority’s evaluation of the proposed UTP Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum.

On March 26, 2021, the Authority's Board of Directors approved the OTS UTP Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum without conditions.

In accordance with the WDTA, this approval will be published on the Authority's Registry. A report describing the Authority's consultation process and summarizing stakeholder comments received by the Authority will also be posted on the Authority's Registry.

OTS may communicate the Authority's decision to approve the UTP Wind Up Plan: Surplus Funds Addendum only after the Authority publishes its decision. The Authority will work with OTS to develop a co-ordinated communications strategy including the date on which OTS may communicate the Authority's decision to stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Robert Poirier
Chair, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority

cc. Mr. Frank Denton, CEO, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority