

## MEMORANDUM

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To: ALL VEMA STAFF AND CLIENTS

From: Sean Savage

Re: Winter Tires

Date: November 21, 2024

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### **POLICY:**

To assist in the effective fleet management of the provincial winter tire program, VEMA will be utilizing the Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) winter tire eligibility list to identify which tires will be defined as winter tires. All approved tires within MPI's winter tire eligibility list will have this three-peak mountain snowflake symbol displayed on them as endorsed by Transport Canada:



Vehicles which already have tires marked with the three-peak mountain snowflake symbol and can be operated in a year round capacity, such as all-weather tires, will not be eligible for a secondary set of winter tires. All-weather tires perform well in both summer and winter seasons, and eliminate tire changeover and storage costs. All-weather tires also have the three-peak mountain snowflake symbol, which means that they are recognized by Transport Canada to be specifically designed for use in snowy conditions.

Should tires be requested to meet winter tire criteria, VEMA will assess on a case by case basis whether an all-weather tire can be utilized or a second set of separate winter rated tires are required based on remaining serviceable life of existing tires and/or an inability to procure all-weather tires for the specific make, model or tire size required.

Additionally, VEMA will assess the cost effectiveness of purchasing a second set of rims and/or tire pressure sensors for each winter tire request. The total cost of ownership for the purchase of a secondary set of rims and sensors will be balanced with the vehicle life

cycle costs for additional time and labour costs necessary for the removal, installation and balancing of tires onto a singular set of rims. In line with current and past practice, departments will be responsible for the storage of all secondary sets of tires and any applicable costs associated.

To aid VEMA in assisting departments with managing their fleet costs, please implement internal approval processes for the replacement of tires required to meet winter tire criteria. This will ensure that all requests which come forward to VEMA have been approved by the department. All tire replacement costs beyond those borne by regular life-cycle replacement practices for worn tires will be directly billed back to the respective departments.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding as we assist our clients with ensuring they have the resources to meet their program needs while balancing with fiscal responsibility.

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