# 2024 Annual Report



SARRC Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

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# Background

The Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (SARRC) is a non-profit corporation formed by the automotive materials industry, specifically oil, filter, antifreeze and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) products, in Saskatchewan to develop, implement and maintain a single, cost-effective, province-wide Used Oil Filter, Antifreeze and Container Recycling Program. SARRC was incorporated on February 12, 1996. The program, approved by the Ministry of Environment, has been widely accepted and supported by consumers, industry, environmental groups, governments and other stakeholders.

# **SARRC Members**

Membership in SARRC is open to all first sellers of oil, oil filters, diesel exhaust fluid, diesel fuel filters or antifreeze in Saskatchewan, as defined in the Used Petroleum and Antifreeze Products Collection Regulations. As of December 31, 2024, there are 224 partner Members.

Please refer to the website for the most recent Member List: <u>http://usedoilrecyclingsk.com/members/</u>.

# Used Oil and Antifreeze Collection

Collection facilities serve small-volume users, including doit-yourselfers, farm operators, and small businesses, who generate 15–20% of the used oil and antifreeze materials in Saskatchewan. Many individuals and businesses operate facilities for collecting used oil, filters, antifreeze, as well as oil, antifreeze, and DEF containers, or collect these materials from businesses and the public. There are 119 locations across Saskatchewan where you can drop off used oil, oil filters, antifreeze, as well as used oil, antifreeze and DEF containers for recycling.

# The Needs for and Benefits of SARRC's Program

On average, Saskatchewan businesses and residents purchase between 35 and 40 million litres of oil annually. Before the program was introduced, less than one-quarter of that amount was collected and recycled. Much of the balance was improperly discarded in fields, ditches, drains, and roads.

Another three to five million litres of used antifreeze are generated annually in Saskatchewan. Used antifreeze is toxic and must be handled with care to protect the environment and prevent humans and animals from inadvertently ingesting it.

In addition to the used oil and antifreeze generated, Saskatchewan businesses and residents use approximately 2.5 million oil filters and nearly 1 million kilograms of oil, antifreeze, and DEF containers annually. Before the program was introduced, most were discarded.

Dumping used oil or antifreeze materials can harm the earth and water, causing damage to wildlife, humans, and their pets.

# **Used Oil, Filter, Antifreeze** and Container EcoCentres

EcoCentres are additional purpose-built facilities that have opened for doit-yourselfers, farmers and small business operators who change their own oil and antifreeze. Thirty-six EcoCentres, located throughout the province, are listed under collection facilities. Please contact SARRC or visit our website at <u>www.usedoilrecyclingsk.com</u> for their locations and hours of operation.

# **2024 Program Results Summary**

The Used Oil, Filter, Antifreeze, and Container Recycling Program has been remarkably successful since its inception in 1996.

#### Collected January 1 and December 31, 2024

- 0.407 million kilograms of used oil, antifreeze and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) containers;
- 1.7 million used oil filters;
- 16.2 million litres of used oil; and
- 0.390 million litres of used antifreeze

#### Collected since Program Start - Oct 1997 to Dec 2024

- 9 million kilograms of used oil, antifreeze and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) containers;
- 46.8 million used oil filters;
- 460 million litres of used oil; and
- 2.9 million litres of used antifreeze since April 1, 2014 (program addition)

### **2024 Program Results**

	Sold	Available for Collection	Amount Available	Collected	Processed	Collection Rate	Target
Oil (l)	36,158,181	67.9%	24,551,405	16,179,036		66%	80%
Antifreeze (l)	4,523,986	43.3%	1,958,886	390,464		20%	50%
Filters (kg)	978,682	100%	978,682	1,066,799	943,690	96%	80%
Filters (units)	2,334,385	100%	2,334,385	1,709,449		73%	80%
Containers (l)	19,553,675	100%	19,553,675				
Containers (kg)	898,753	100%	898,753	406,903		69%*	75%

\*Note: includes 24% reuse rate

### **Recycled Products**

Used oil is reprocessed into re-refined lubricating oil, industrial burner fuel and other products. Used oil filters are processed into structural metal shapes to manufacture industrial and agricultural products. Plastic oil, antifreeze, and DEF containers are recycled into industrial posts, railroad crossings, plastic pipes, and new containers. Plastic 20-litre pails are often cleaned and reused by the consumer before they are eventually recycled. Used antifreeze is highly recyclable, with most used antifreeze being processed into new commercial antifreeze.

### **Greenhouse Gas Estimates**

It is estimated that SARRC's program saved 50,168 tonnes of  $CO_2$  equivalent in 2024. That's equivalent to taking about 15,370 passenger vehicles off the road or the energy used by over 11,749 homes in one year.

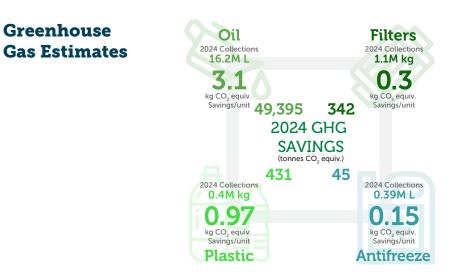
\* Based on Natural Resources Canada's greenhouse gas equivalencies calculator.

### **GHG Emissions Tracking**

SARRC began tracking greenhouse gas emissions in 2017; since then, the program has saved over 374,020 tonnes of  $CO_2$  equivalent, equivalent to taking 114,586 passenger vehicles off the road or the energy used by 87,593 homes in a year—that's something we can all be proud of!

### **Program Benefits**

- SARRC's Used Oil, Filter, Antifreeze and Container Recycling Program promotes and facilitates the recovery of valuable, non-renewable resources.
- It protects the environment by diverting materials from landfills and inappropriate areas, such as fields, ditches, and watercourses.
- It creates new business and job opportunities for Saskatchewan residents.
- It provides a single, comprehensive, cost-effective, sustainable and provincewide program in harmony with similar programs in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia.





# **Minister's message** Hon. Travis Keisig, Minister of Environment

I am pleased to recognize the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation (SARRC) for its commitment to responsible and sustainable recycling. Your work collecting and recycling used oil, oil filters, antifreeze, and containers has greatly contributed to protecting the environment and improving the health of Saskatchewan's residents.

SARRC and its industry partners play a crucial role in the success of Saskatchewan's extended producer responsibility programs. These initiatives are designed to offer accessible recycling services, divert substantial amounts of material from landfills and support provincial growth through forward thinking. SARRC has also expanded its social media presence, helping more Saskatchewan residents learn about the value of resource recovery.

Over the past 28 years, your program management has exemplified leadership in waste reduction and resource conservation. Congratulations on another year of successful numbers. In 2024, we saw 16,179,036 litres of used oil, 1,127,638 kg of filters and 406,903 kg of containers recycled – including a record 390,464 litres of antifreeze! This achievement significantly contributes to Saskatchewan's circular economy. Used oil is reused locally or reprocessed into new lubricating oil or fuel. Scrap metal from filters is recovered. Highdensity polyethylene from plastic containers is used in manufacturing or sold as recycled feedstock. Recycled antifreeze is transformed into new antifreeze. All this work preserves non-renewable resources and reduces solid waste in our province's landfills.

The Government of Saskatchewan expresses gratitude to the SARRC organization for its commitment to reducing waste and maintaining a healthy and safe environment. We wish your organization continued success as you continue to lead Saskatchewan's journey toward a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Hon. Travis Keisig Minister of Environment



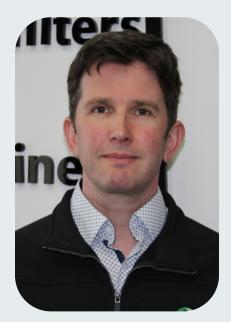
# Message from the Chairperson of the SARRC Board of Directors Jerry Coben

It is with great pride that I address you as Chair of the Board of the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp (SARRC). On behalf of our members, SARRC is committed to properly managing the government-approved Product Stewardship Plan for the materials covered by that Plan. It remains our mission to divert these materials from landfills, reduce waste, and maximize the collection of materials covered by the Plan.

Over the past year, we have made significant efforts to adapt to changing market conditions, ensuring the long-term sustainability and resilience of the program. Return incentives were increased in 2024 to encourage further collection. Members approved increases to the Environmental Handling Fees, allowing SARRC to continue funding the program entirely. Our incentive model does not dictate how collectors and processors need to run their businesses, but rather, it supports the expansion and maximization of the collection of materials covered by the approved Product Stewardship Plan. This supports the success of a wide range of businesses within the Province. Looking ahead, we continue to watch trends in consumer behavior. Lubricating oil sales in Saskatchewan have declined steadily since 2014. Changing consumer driving habits and increasing factory-recommended service intervals have contributed to this trend. Conversely, the use of diesel exhaust fluid containers continues to grow as older vehicles are replaced by newer models that require the use of diesel exhaust fluid.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my gratitude to each SARRC Member for your continued support and commitment. Together, we will continue to build a more sustainable future for our industry and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your support of this critical program.



# **Executive Director's Report** Ethan Richardson

SARRC's mission is to implement the approved Product Stewardship Plan (PSP) developed to comply with the Used Petroleum and Antifreeze Product Stewardship Regulations (the Regulations) on behalf of our Members. The PSP outlines how SARRC will deliver effective and efficient end-of-life management for products designated in the Regulations. Delivering the PSP also means that we can reduce the potential environmental effects of improper management and facilitate the recovery of valuable resources that would otherwise be wasted.

In 2024, sales of oil, filters and antifreeze declined compared to 2023, with oil sales continuing to follow the long-standing decreasing trend since their peak in 2014. Collections also declined slightly more than sales, except for antifreeze. (Tables 1, 2, and 3).

Oil collections decreased by 5% compared to 2023, and recovery rates have yet to reach our target. Continuing changes in economics and consumer behavior may account for some of this shortfall, as increased energy prices may have led to a greater use of oil-burning heaters. Used oil burnt (unless in a permitted facility) is not considered an approved use in Saskatchewan and does not qualify for a return incentive. Unregulated burning of used oil may account for 5 to 10% of the total amount available for collection, according to estimates in Manitoba. As in 2023, filter and container recovery rates approached their targets, with filter recovery as measured by mass exceeding the target. Antifreeze collection remained low, although it improved by 30% over 2023 collections.

As in previous years, the amount of oil and antifreeze available for collection is based on two reports: Chamard Environmental Strategies, March 2021: An Update of the Recoverable Used Oil Rate: Reference Period 2019 Final Report; and Chamard Environmental Strategies, November 2019: An Update of Antifreeze Recovery Rates: Final Report. Proper management of antifreeze at the generator level has the potential to significantly increase the recovery of antifreeze, as Chamard suggested that up to 1% of oil collections may be antifreeze. Antifreeze management remains a priority in our communications strategy, and we hope that the increase in collection rates this year can be maintained.

SARRC increased return incentives in 2024; however, these increases did not directly lead to improved collections. Antifreeze collection remains an issue across Canada. As such, SARRC is coordinating with other used oil management associations to commission a study in 2025 to re-examine the amount of antifreeze available for collection and update the 2019 Chamard report.

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#### Table 2 2023 Program Results

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Oil (l)	36,929,794	67.9%	25,075,330	17,022,978		68%	80%
Antifreeze (l)	4,809,567	43.3%	2,082,543	300,008		14%	50%
Filters (kg)	992,234	100%	992,234	1,139,463	955,896	96%	80%
Filters (units)	2,331,140	100%	2,331,140	1,785,680		77%	80%
Containers (l)	19,696,844	100%	19,696,844				
Containers (kg)	912,088	100%	912,088	444,545		73%*	75%

\*Note: includes 24% reuse rate

# Table 3Percent Change in Sales andCollections between 2023 and 2024

	Sales	Collection
Oil (l)	-2.1%	-5.0%
Antifreeze (l)	-5.9%	30.2%
Filters (kg)	-1.4%	-6.4%
Filters (units)	0.1%	-4.3%
Containers (l)	-0.7%	na
Containers (kg)	-1.5%	-8.5%

In 2024, 2,163,718 litres of DEF were sold in containers less than 50 litres (1,684,874 litres in 2023), representing 64,912 kg of plastic. Container sales by type are summarized in Table 4.

#### Table 4

### Volume and Mass of Plastic Containers Sold in 2023 by Type

	Volume (l)	Mass (kg)
Oil	13,596,689	633,246
Antifreeze	3,205,808	169,460
DEF	2,163,718	64,912
Non-HDPE*	587,460	31,135
Total	19,553,675	898,753

\*Note the mass of plastic per litre of non-HDPE/Metal containers was adjusted to 53g/l for 2024 to reflect the growing prevalence of bladder bag and pouch sales.

SARRC's Members collected \$5.78 million from environmental handling fees (EHCs) on our designated products to fund our recycling efforts in 2024. Of this, about \$4.58 million was paid out as collection and processing incentives and \$0.67 million was used to fund and improve the network of free public dropoff EcoCentres.

In 2024, SARRC spent \$440,000 on communications and promotion, including radio, social media and television advertising, as well as funding our summer ambassadors to visit communities across the province. Administrative costs accounted for 9% of the total expenses in 2024, with \$612,000 spent on wages, office space, governance, and other administrative requirements. Overall program administration costs were on budget.

## **Greenhouse Gases**

SARRC's Greenhouse Gas Monitoring and Measurement Plan outlines a procedure to estimate net greenhouse gas (GHG) savings for each managed product. GHG savings per litre or kilogram, as well as factors accounting for end-use, remained the same as those used since 2022. Approximately 42% of the oil collected in Saskatchewan is re-used or re-processed into non-combusted products. This proportion, as well as the distribution of collections across the province, remained relatively unchanged in 2024. As such, GHG savings per litre of oil was 3.1 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (Table 5), and materials collected by SARRC's program can be estimated to save 50,168 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.

### Table 5 Greenhouse Gas Estimates 2024

	Kg CO₂ equiv. Savings/unit*	2021 Collections	Units	2022 GHG Savings (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> equiv.)
Oil	3.1	16,179,036	l	49,395
Filters	0.3	1,066,799	kg	320
Antifreeze	0.15	390,464	l	59
Plastic	0.97	406,903	kg	395
Total				50,168

\*Net GHG savings per litre for oil is a weighted program average considering end use and collection location

In closing, I would like to thank all of SARRC's Members, the first sellers of oil, filters, antifreeze and oil, antifreeze and DEF containers for their continued support,



# **Communications Highlights**

# Contributing to The Circular Economy: **Recovering, Recycling and Reusing.**

In its 29 years in existence, SARRC's mandate hasn't changed, and its objectives and activities continue to serve the people of Saskatchewan well by providing a single, cost-effective, province-wide used oil, filter, antifreeze, and oil, antifreeze and Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) containers recovery, recycling and reuse program. SARRC's program is only as strong as the people of Saskatchewan and the awareness of local agricultural and industrial organizations to utilize it effectively. SARRC's awareness, promotional, and communication efforts, as described in the following pages, support its mission.



### Audience

SARRC is present and serves everyone across Saskatchewan. However, some segments of the population are heavier users of its services than others. This is why SARRC's communications and promotional programs primarily target farmers, medium- and small-business owners/operators, do-it-yourself mechanics, and all sizes of generators of used oil, antifreeze, oil filters, their containers, and DEF containers.

### **Key Message**

Making every drop count and ensuring that used materials can be reused remain SARRC's primary messages. The primary objective remains increasing awareness of SARRC and its members by highlighting the importance of the program and its services in protecting Saskatchewan's environment.



# Making every drop count

### **Paid Awareness Campaigns**

SARRC published 24 ads in 2024 across five urban and rural publications with a combined circulation of approximately 100,000.

SARRC's ads rotated on TV (Saskatoon and Regina's CTV and Global channels, including public service announcements on Shaw TV) and 20 radio stations during the spring and fall campaigns.

As part of its advertising campaign on Global TV, SARRC participated in Global's podcast series, with two episodes sharing information about SARRC's programs. Using these podcasts as voiceovers, we created two new videos, which we shared on social media.



SARRC's TV and radio commercials are available on SARRC's website <u>here</u>.

This year, we also introduced a new paid video awareness campaign, which garnered 72,883 impressions, 40,024 views, and 11 clickthroughs.

To capitalize on today's constant connectedness, SARRC made clever use of Google and Facebook ads, intensifying its presence on Facebook by sharing information on the program, drop-off locations, the recycling process, and the reuse of the products. It also featured organizations with similar mandates for other products. The digital media messaging continued to focus on the usefulness of SARRC's program in Saskatchewan people's everyday lives – from spring cleaning to recreational and farming equipment readiness – and protecting the environment and wildlife.



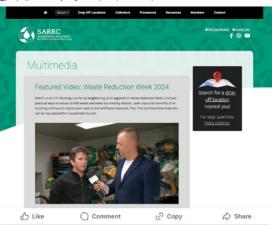
SARRC's paid digital campaigns continued to generate favourable results by digital advertising standards despite a slight decrease (20%) in budget and ad frequency. With some modifications to the locations and terms used for the Google search campaigns, as well as the visuals for the Google and Facebook awareness campaigns, the number of clicks remained high, indicating continued interest from viewers.

- Google search ads: 21,768 impressions (8% decrease) – 10,766 clicks (9% decrease)
- Google awareness display ads: 1,615,126 impressions (40% decrease) – 3,908 clicks (39% increase)
- Facebook awareness display ads: 5,241,812 impressions (11% decrease) – 6,139 link clicks (36% increase)

The video awareness campaign generated 122,271 impressions (a 60% increase), 63,825 views (a 63% increase), and 54 click-throughs (a 204% increase).



Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. October 25, 2024 - @ Want to learn more about waste reduction? Check out our latest interview featuring our very own Ethan Richardson! (2) { #. https://usedoilreeyelingsk.com/news/multimedia/



### **Organic Awareness**

Using its Facebook page, website and telephone line, SARRC was able to reach a wide range of people to promote the program and assist those with questions.

SARRC's Facebook page reached 234,400 people, a 17.7% increase from 2023, with a total of 768,700 views. This positive result was achieved with a low frequency of posts, one to two per week. Furthermore, we continued to feature a range of messages on the topic of used oil and antifreeze recycling education, including tips, facts, reminders for Household Hazardous Waste Days, safe product storage and drop-off guidelines, and recognition of the many organizations contributing to the success of this program and other recycling initiatives in Saskatchewan. The grand opening of the new EcoCentre in the town of Biggar provided a perfect opportunity to expand SARRC's reach on social media organically and to educate residents from the region about the benefits of participating in SARRC's program by dropping off their used oil, antifreeze, oil filters, and the containers for these products.

Additionally, leveraging the visuals created for Facebook, SARRC's Instagram channel (a sister platform to Facebook and owned by Meta) reached 87,700 individuals, representing an over 1,000% increase from the first year, and accounted for 206,307 views.

In 2024, we continued to update the layout and content of SARRC's most visited website pages, including the homepage, Drop-off Locations, Collectors, Multimedia, and FAQ. SARRC's website experienced its best year to date, with 67,394 visits, a 50% increase from 2023.



### **Knowledge Sharing**

SARRC's executive director continued the tradition of granting interviews in celebration of Earth Day and Recycling Week, appearing on CTV and Global TV, as well as throughout the year on various radio station shows, including CJWW's On The Air and 650 CKOM/980 CJME's Talk to the Expert [you can listen on SARRC's website <u>here</u>].



Summer students community ambassadors were busy in 2024, slowly returning to the number of events they attended on behalf of SARRC before the pandemic.







# **Our Recycling Partners** 224 Active Partners Registered with SARRC

12317541 Canada Inc. 49 North Lubricants Ltd. Acklands-Grainger Inc. Advanced Coolant Technologies Inc. Aevitas Inc. AFD Petroleum Ltd. AGCO Corporation AgraCity Crop & Nutrition Ltd. AGS Company Automotive Solutions, LLC A & I Products Canada Inc. AMSOIL Inc. April Super Flo Inc. Atlas Copco Compressors Canada Inc. Automobile Solutions Americas Inc. Baldwin Filters Inc. Beck Arnley Holdings LLC BestBuy Distributors Ltd. Blue Streak Hygrade Motor Products Bluewater Lubricants Ltd. BMW Canada Inc. Boeing Distribution Canada Ltd. Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. Bosch Rexroth Canada Corp. **BOSS Lubricants BP** Lubricants USA Inc.

Brandt Tractor Ltd. Brenntag Canada Inc. Bridgeview Fluid Solutions Inc. Buhler Versatile Inc. Burkolly Distributors Ltd. Cabela's Retail Canada Inc. Canada Maple Chemical Trading Inc. Canada West Harvest Centre Canadian General Filters I td Canadian Kawasaki Motors, Inc. Canadian Pacific Railway Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited Canadian Tire Petroleum Champion Laboratories, Inc. Chevron Canada Limited Chris Page & Associates Ltd. CLAAS of America Inc. Cleanair Filter Service Club Car, LLC - Ingersoll Rand Industrial Technologies CNH Industrial Canada, Ltd. ColdFront I td Comairco Equipment Ltd. SC CLS Holdings ULC CORE-MARK International Inc. Costco Wholesale Canada Ltd.

CPT Canada Power Technology Ltd. Crestline Coach Ltd. Cummins Canada ULC **Cummins Filtration** Daimler Trucks Canada Ltd. DAS Companies, Inc. Davanac Inc. Demers Ambulance Manufacturer Inc. Dubois Chemicals Canada, Inc. d/b/a CIMCOOL Canada Ducati Canada Inc. Echo Power Equipment (Canada) Equipment Sales & Service (1968) Ltd. EZ DEF Ltd. Failure Prevention Services Fastenal Canada Ltd. FCA Canada Inc. Federated Co-operatives Ltd. FHC Enterprises Ltd. Finning International Inc. First Filter Service Ltd. Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd. Forest River, Inc. Fort Garry Industries Ltd. Fram Group (Canada) Inc. Fuchs Lubricants Canada Ltd

Fuelex Energy Ltd. Gamma Sales Inc. GEA Farm Technologies Inc. General Motors of Canada Company GFL Environmental Services Inc. G.F. Thompson Company Ltd. G.K. Industries Ltd. Gregg Distributors Company Ltd. Applied Industrial Technologies LP Harley-Davidson Canada LP Harnois Énergies Inc. Hastings Filters Henkel Canada Corporation Hino Motors Canada, Ltd. Hitachi Energy Canada Inc. Home Depot of Canada Inc. Home Hardware Stores Limited Honda Canada Inc. Husqvarna Canada Corporation Hyundai Auto Canada Corporation Imperial Oil Importations Thibault Ltée. Industrial Truck Service Ltd. International Motors Canada ULC Irving Blending & Packaging Isuzu Commercial Truck of Canada, Inc.

ITW Permatex Canada Jaguar Land Rover Canada ULC John Deere Canada ULC KADEX Aero Supply Ltd. Kaeser Compressors Canada Inc. Kalmar USA, Inc. Keystone Automotive Operations of Canada Inc. Kia Canada Inc. Kimpex Inc. King-O-Matic Industries Ltd. Kleen-Flo Tumbler Industries Ltd. Klondike Lubricants Corporation KTM Canada Inc. Kubota Canada Ltd. Larry's Transmissions Ltd. LCT Lubricants Inc. Leavitt Machinery Canada Inc. Les Hall Filter Service (2013) Ltd. Loblaw Inc. Lucas Oil Products (Canada) Company MacDon Industries Ltd. MRG Canada Inc. Mack Trucks Canada and VolvoTrucks Canada, Divisions of Volvo Group Canada Inc. MANN+HUMMEL Filteration Technology US LLC MANN+HUMMEL Purolator Filters LLC Marsollier Petroleum Ltd. Maxim Transportation Services Inc. Mazda Canada Inc. Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc.

MFTA Canada Inc. Mid-Canada Filtration Solutions 6195785 Manitoba Ltd. Miller Supply Ltd. Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Canada, Inc. Modern Sales Co-op Mopac Auto Supply (Alberta) Ltd. Mopac Auto Supply Ltd. Motion Industries (Canada) Inc. Motor Coach Industries Ltd. Motosel Industrial Group Inc. Motovan Inc. National Energy Equipment Inc. NCH Canada Inc. Nemco Resources Ltd New Flyer Industrial Ltd. Nissan Canada Inc. 1439174 Ontario Ltd. Norcan Fluid Power I td Oil Mart I td Orgill Canada Hardlines ULC PACCAR of Canada, Ltd. (Parts Division) Parker Hannifin Canada Parkland Corporation Parts Canada Development Company Part Source Inc. Peavey Industries LP Peerless Engineering Sales Ltd. Petro-Canada Lubricants Inc. Phillips 66 Canada Ltd. Pièces d'Auto Transit Inc. (Les) Polaris Industries Ltd.

Porsche Cars Canada Ltd. Prestone Canada Prévost, a Division of Volvo Group Canada Inc. Princess Auto Ltd. Provincial Hydraulics Inc. PSC-Power Source Canada Ltd. PTI Transformers Inc. Recochem Inc. Redhead Equipment Reesink Canada Wholesale Robco Inc Robert Bosch Inc. RONA Inc. Safety-Kleen Canada Inc. Shell Canada Products Ltd. Shell & Whitmore Reliability Solutions of Canada Ltd. Skyjack Inc. SMS Equipment Inc. Southwestern Petroleum Lubricants LLC Startec Refrigeration Services Ltd. Star West Petroleum Ltd. STIHL Limited Subaru Canada Inc. Suzuki Canada Inc. S.W. Industrial Filter Tec Service TCS Crestwood Engineering Co. Ltd. Teklub Canada Ltée Texas Refinery Corporation of Canada Ltd. Textron Off Road The North West Company Inc.

The Sherwin-Williams Company TotalEnergies Marketing Canada Inc. Tovota Canada Inc. Transformateurs Delta Star Inc. Triumph Motorcycles America TVH Canada Ltd. UAP Inc. Ultra Clear Engine Fluids Inc. Unique Holdings Ltd. Uni-Select Canada Inc. United Chemical Services Inc. United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Itd Univar Canada Ltd. Universe Satellite Sales Ltd. Vallen Canada Inc. Valvoline Canada Ltd. Vermeer Canada Inc. Viscosity Oil Company Volkswagen Group Canada Inc. Volvo Cars of Canada Corp. Wacker Neuson Ltd. Wainbee Limited Wajax Equipment Wajax Industrial Components Ltd. Wakefield Canada Inc. Wallace & Carev Inc. Wal-Mart Canada Corporation Westcon Equipment & Rentals Ltd. Westpower Equipment Ltd. Worldpac Canada Inc. Wurth Canada Limited Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.

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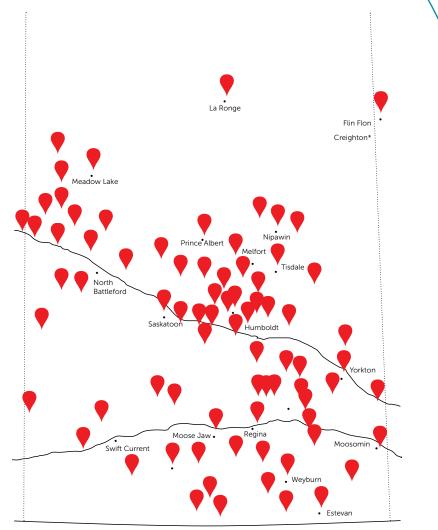
# Eco Centres

### **36 Year-Round EcoCentres**

Canada continues to pay increased attention to the proper end-of-life management of products we use daily. The Federal government developed a Canada-wide Strategy for Zero Plastic Waste, and society continues to want to know how, where and when products collected for recycling are remade into valuable items as part of the circular economy. The 36 EcoCentres are here to help us all do our part.



\*Creighton, SK shares an EcoCentre with Flin Flon, MB



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# Volunteer Drop-Off Points

## 83 Year-Round Volunteer Drop-Off Points

Protecting and caring for the environment is not a fad. It is what everyone expects. SARRC's programs and activities contribute to making this expectation a reality across the province.

# **Financials**



Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp (the Association), which comprise the statement of financial position as a December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our our opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

BDO Canada LLP, a Canadian limited liability partnership, is a member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, and forms part of the international BDO network of independent member firms. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
  a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud
  may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
  control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan March 28, 2025

#### Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2024

2024 \$	2023 \$
1,024,209 3,884,625 1,443,073	698,596 4,001,800 1,630,260 2,800
6,351,907	6,333,456
3,731,660	3,802,777
18,290	26,282
10,101,857	10,162,515
1,131,330	931,923
18,290 6,850,054 2,102,183	26,282 6,850,054 2,354,256
8,970,527	9,230,592
10,101,857	10,162,515
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#### Return incentive and EcoCentre support costs (note 6)

Commitments (note 7)

Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue Environmental handling charges Investment income (note 3) Membership fees Other income	5,782,370 421,010 1,200 20	5,847,875 309,329 1,600 33
	6,204,600	6,158,837
Expenses Return incentives (note 6) EcoCentre support costs (note 6) Wages and benefits Public relations and promotion Rent and occupancy costs Professional fees Software and technology Office and administration Insurance Utilities Travel and meals Director fees and reimbursements Amortization Bank charges	4,584,914 667,856 440,227 395,715 103,450 76,904 67,291 40,251 34,909 16,111 13,762 12,389 7,992 2,894 6,464,665	4,667,466 694,255 421,601 353,793 85,833 89,124 48,638 37,004 58,303 16,507 16,004 25,923 10,609 1,722 6,526,782
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(260,065)	(367,945)

Approved by the Board of Directors

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2024

				2024	2023
	Invested in capital assets \$	Internally restricted \$ (note 5)	Unrestricted \$	Total \$	Total \$
Balance - Beginning of year	26,282	6,850,054	2,354,256	9,230,592	9,598,537
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(7,992)	-	(252,073)	(260,065)	(367,945)
Balance - End of year	18,290	6,850,054	2,102,183	8,970,527	9,230,592

#### Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in)		
<b>Operating activities</b> Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year Items not affecting cash	(260,065)	(367,945)
Change in fair value of investments Amortization	(122,544) 7,992	(47,482) 10,609
Change in non-cash working capital items (note 8)	(374,617) 389,394	(404,818) (175,471)
	14,777	(580,289)
Investing activities Redemption (purchase) of investments, net	310,836	(77,681)
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	325,613	(657,970)
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of year	698,596	1,356,566
Cash and cash equivalents - End of year	1,024,209	698,596

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### Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2024

#### 1 Nature of operations

The Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. ("SARRC" or the "Association") was incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act (Saskatchewan) on February 12, 1996. The Association qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

The Association was formed by oil and oil filters first sellers in Saskatchewan in 1996 to develop, implement and maintain a used oil, filter, and container product management program in the province. SARRC received the required approval to operate a product management program from Saskatchewan Environment, issued pursuant to The Used Petroleum and Antifreeze Products Collection Regulations (the "Regulations").

Membership is open to all first sellers of oil, oil filters, diesel exhaust fluid, diesel fuel filters or antifreeze in Saskatchewan as defined in the Regulations. As of December 31, 2024, there were 224 partner members.

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue.

Revenue from environmental handling charges (EHC) is recognized in the period in which the charge is assessed by first seller members on qualifying lubricants, oils, filters, antifreeze and oil/antifreeze/DEF containers in accordance with the membership agreements with the Association. EHC revenue is only recognized if it has been claimed by the registrant and there is reasonable assurance of collection.

Investment income is reported on an accrual basis and includes interest income, dividend income, and change in fair value of investments, net of applicable fees. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Interest income is recognized as it accrues in income or loss. Dividend income is recognized in income or loss on the date that the Association's right to receive payment is established which, in the case of quoted securities, is the ex-dividend date.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash balances with banks and term deposits that mature within three months of the date of acquisition, which are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments.

#### **Financial instruments**

Arm's length financial instruments are recorded at fair value at initial recognition. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market and derivatives are reported at fair value, with any change in fair value

#### Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

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reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at costs or amortized costs less impairment. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items measured at fair value and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized costs.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down is recognized in excess of revenue over expenses. Any previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of any reversal is recognized in excess of revenue over expenses.

#### Transaction costs

The Association recognizes all transaction costs related to financial assets and liabilities as a reduction to income in the period in which the costs are incurred.

#### **Capital assets**

Capital assets are carried at acquisition cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is calculated on a declining balance basis at the following annual rates:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	20%
Computer hardware	30%
Software	55%

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Betterments that extend the useful life of the tangible capital asset are capitalized.

When a capital asset no longer contributes to the Association's ability to provide goods and services, or the future economic benefits or service potential of the capital asset is less than its carrying value, the excess of its net carrying amount over its fair value or replacement cost is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

When a capital asset is disposed of, the difference between the net proceeds on disposition and the net carrying amount is recognized in the statement of operations.

#### Internally restricted net assets

Contingency reserve

In 2016, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to establish an internally restricted contingency reserve, the balance of which is to be used to fund any future operating deficits or EcoCentre support costs.

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#### EcoCentre reserve

In 2021, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to establish an internally restricted EcoCentre reserve, the balance of which is to be used to reimburse any future required decommissioning reports for EcoCentres and for future EcoCentre cleanouts.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The inherent uncertainty involved in making such estimates and assumptions may impact the actual results reported in future periods.

Accounts significantly impacted by estimates in these financial statements are EHC accruals and revenue where the fees paid by customers in the current year may not be submitted by a registrant until a future year.

#### 3 Investments

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) - at amortized cost Fixed income - at fair value Debt and equity securities - at fair value Accrued interest receivable on GICs	6,939,234 352,571 239,397 85,083	6,904,660 290,235 540,947 68,735
Less: Current portion	7,616,285 3,884,625	7,804,577 4,001,800
	3,731,660	3,802,777
Investment income consists of the following:	2024 \$	2023 \$
Interest income Change in fair value of investments Dividend income Fees	284,364 122,544 19,681 (5,579)	242,008 47,482 26,748 (6,909)
	421,010	309,329

GICs earn interest ranging from 3.00% to 5.65% and mature in the following fiscal years: 2025 (\$3,439,234), 2026 (\$1,500,000), 2027 (\$2,000,000).

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#### 4 Capital assets

			2024	2023
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$	Net \$
Furniture, fixtures, and				
equipment	108,877	99,701	9,176	11,470
Computer hardware	80,103	73,249	6,854	9,793
Software	75,967	73,707	2,260	5,019
	264,947	246,657	18,290	26,282

#### 5 Internally restricted

	December 31, 2023 \$	Transfers \$	December 31, 2024 \$
Contingency reserve EcoCentre reserve	6,150,054 700,000	-	6,150,054 700,000
	6,850,054	-	6,850,054

#### 6 Return incentives and EcoCentre support costs

SARRC is obligated to utilize its net assets in future years to fund return incentives and for the establishment of EcoCentres for the used oil, filter, antifreeze and oil/antifreeze/DEF container management program. The Association entered into five-year agreements, expiring January 1, 2027, with operators of EcoCentres that were established to provide no-cost drop-off centres for used oil and antifreeze materials. These agreements require the Association to pay a tiered minimum, specified in each individual agreement, per year to each of the EcoCentre operators and provide for additional payments should used oil and antifreeze material collection volumes exceed certain base levels. The minimum annual operating fee commitment to the 36 EcoCentre operators over the period of the agreements is estimated to be approximately \$462,000.

#### 7 Commitments

The Association's five-year property lease agreement commenced March 1, 2022 and expires February 28, 2027, requiring monthly payments of \$6,029 for a total of \$72,348 annually. The property lease agreement also requires monthly payments of occupancy costs, which are estimated to be \$32,331 annually.

The Association has entered into other agreements related to software maintenance, support, and consulting. The aggregate minimum annual commitments under these agreements are estimated to be as follows: 2025 (\$142,441), 2026 (\$116,279), 2027 (\$29,037), 2028 (\$4,829).

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#### 8 Net change in non-cash working capital items

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Prepaid expenses	2,800	(1,800)
Accounts receivable	187,187	(301,836)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	199,407	128,165
	389,394	(175,471)

#### 9 Financial risk management

#### Credit risk

The Association, in the normal course of business, is exposed to credit risk through its cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Association's cash and cash equivalents are maintained at major financial institutions; therefore, the Association considers the risk of non-performance of these instruments to be remote. There is no significant concentration risk of accounts receivable due to the large registrant base. Management monitors these accounts regularly and does not believe that the Association is exposed to significant credit risk at the statement of financial position date.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Fixed interest instruments subject the Association to fair value risk, while floating rate instruments subject it to cash flow risk. The Association's exposure to interest rate risk pertains to cash and cash equivalents and guaranteed investment certificates.

#### Market risk

The Association has exposure to credit risk, price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk on its investments in debt and equity securities, since the fair value of future cash flows may fluctuate because of changes in market price, currency exchange rates and interest rates whether these changes are caused by factors specific to the investments or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Association cannot meet its financial obligations associated with financial liabilities in full. The Association has addressed this risk by maintaining a sufficient working capital position that can be used to settle accounts payable and accrued liabilities and future commitments. The Association expects to be able to meet its financial obligations for the foreseeable future.



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