

The Honourable Minister Timothy Halman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Government of Nova Scotia  
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**RE: Tire Disposal in Nova Scotia**

Dear Minister Halman,

On behalf of the Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee, I am writing to share our concerns and to seek your department's guidance and collaboration regarding the current lack of disposal options for tires that fall outside of Nova Scotia's regulated tire program.

At present, residents and businesses in Cumberland County have no viable means to properly dispose of non-program tires, such as oversized or specialty tires. The GFL landfill in the Cumberland region, which is the only approved disposal site in Cumberland County, has recently stopped accepting these materials. As a result, there is now a significant service gap, leaving both residents and businesses without a responsible or accessible disposal option.

These materials, such as oversized, agricultural, and ATV tires are challenging for facilities to manage. While some locations in the province may accept them, they remain problematic for many facilities and are not consistently accepted, creating barriers across multiple regions.

This situation raises concerns not only from a service delivery perspective but also from an environmental standpoint. Without appropriate disposal pathways, there is an increased risk of improper storage, illegal dumping, or stockpiling of these materials.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Department of Environment and Climate Change to explore potential solutions, including the possibility of expanding the existing tire program to include these non-program tires, or developing an approach to ensure safe and accessible disposal options across all regions in the province.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss potential solutions further.

Sincerely,



Councillor Paul Weatherby, Municipality of Colchester  
Chair, Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee

cc: NS Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee  
Nova Scotia Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee