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CAA SCO unveils new outdoor classroom for Burlington students

Thornhill, ON, June 20, 2017 – <u>CAA South Central Ontario</u> (CAA SCO) in partnership with Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) unveiled a new outdoor classroom for the students of Tecumseh Public School today.

The elementary school is the third recipient of the \$20,000 sustainable revitalization prize, which includes landscaping greenery and eco-friendly products made of recycled tires.

"CAA SCO is very delighted to have been able to help Tecumseh Public School build a new learning space. This has been a team effort and would not have been possible without the support of everybody involved," said Tracy Nickleford, community relations manager, CAA SCO.

The prize was part of the 2014 CAA RecycleDrive campaign. The campaign utilized CAA Approved Auto Repair Services (AARS) facilities to collect used tires, oil and batteries to make sure they were recycled properly and safely. Out of all participating locations across southern Ontario, Fairview Tire and Auto Clinics Inc. collected the most at 488 tires. As such, they won the opportunity to award the revitalization gift to Tecumseh Public School.

"We are committed to communities across Ontario and through efforts like CAA RecycleDrive, we can build more sustainable and greener spaces," said Andrew Horsman, executive director of OTS. "It's great to see Tecumseh Public School's transformation with eco-friendly recycled tire products and we look forward to how it will benefit the Burlington community."

"The outdoor classroom is a very good investment that will provide the children of Tecumseh Public School an opportunity to learn in a unique way," said Gus Mihailovich, Principal, Tecumseh Public School.

About CAA South Central Ontario

As a leader and advocate for road safety and mobility, <u>CAA South Central Ontario</u> is a not-for-profit auto club which represents the interests of 2 million members. For over a century, CAA has collaborated with communities, police services and governments to help keep drivers and their families safe while travelling on our roads.

About Ontario Tire Stewardship

Established in 2009, Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) is an Industry Funding Organization (IFO) incorporated under Ontario's Waste Diversion Act, to implement and operate the Used Tires Program. Through the Used Tires program, 100 per cent of Ontario tires get efficiently and responsibly recycled into new products, leading to more livable communities and a growing green economy in this province.

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