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CAA recommends winter tires be exempt from PST

While CAA Manitoba commends Manitoba Public Insurance's (MPI) plan to offer a low-cost loan program for winter tires, the auto club suggests the Provincial Government's role to encourage winter tire usage and road safety should have gone a step further.

President and CEO of CAA Manitoba, Michael Mager says exempting winter tires from the PST would complement MPI's loan program and go even further to make this proven safety feature more affordable for everyone.

"After an unprecedented winter that saw a large increase in road collisions and insurance claims, it's clear that making winter tires more affordable for all drivers is a good strategy," said Mager, noting winter tires on average cost about \$1,000. "If the cost of tires is reduced by as little as \$80, even more Manitobans would be able to afford them."

In a 2011 CAA Manitoba survey of more than 11,000 Members, the number one reason why respondents said they do not have winter tires was because of cost.

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