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Opposition pumped on snow tire issue **LATEST NEWS**

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Opposition Government Services Critic Roland Butler wants an update from the provincial government on deliberations regarding the possibility of bringing forth mandatory snow tire legislation.

In January, Butler asked government to bring forward legislation requiring the mandatory use of winter tires in Newfoundland and Labrador between the months of November and May each year. Butler said the government response was that a proper assessment of the issue had not been completed.

"My preference would be for this legislation to be brought forth in the upcoming session of the legislature," Butler said.

"Unfortunately, I do not feel government is as committed to such a move."

Butler recommends mandatory deadlines for the installation and removal of the tires to ensure people do not leave them on year-round, and set a mandatory tire tread benchmark so that worn-out tires are not continuously used every year.

Butler noted that in November, Quebec brought forward legislation requiring vehicle owners to install winter tires in an attempt to reduce preventable accidents and fatalities on that province's highways. He added, that it has been proven that summer tires and all season tires do not grip the pavement or maneuver in snow and ice conditions as well as winter tires.