

Tire distribution centre rises in Rosser

GROUPE TOUCHETTE TO OPEN LARGER FACILITY IN CENTREPORT CANADA

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One of the construction sites now being worked on in CentrePort Canada's Brookside Industrial Park Phase III belongs to Groupe Touchette, Canada's largest Canadian-owned tire distributor.

The approximately six-acre site on Harvest Drive will house a 100,000-square-foot building with 32-foot high ceilings to accommodate industrial needs. The company is currently located in a 57,000-square-foot leased space in Inkster Industrial Park.

Groupe Touchette founder André Touchette was on hand for the May 29 announcement. He spoke about starting the business from his home 40 years ago and his excitement over the new distribution centre.

"Our new location at CentrePort is perfect for us. Trucks can leave the warehouse and be moving at highway speeds in under two minutes. The new building will be state of the art, and allow us to more than double our capacity, as we are building not only out, but up," said Touchette.



"This will really help us ramp up our operations in Manitoba," Touchette's director of real estate Kevin Lutfy said, adding that the new building will have a capacity to hold 120,000 tires.

When the Group Touchette building opens in early 2020 it will also have 30,000 square feet of space available for leasing.

The Groupe Touchette site is part of the 96-acre Brookside Industrial Park Phase III that is located within the RM of Rosser. Other developments underway now include Freightliner Manitoba's 78,000-square-foot building on 13.5 acres and Canada West Ltd.'s build-to-suit and build-to-lease buildings on five lots totaling 26 acres.

Construction on a 60,000 square foot National Research Council manufacturing research facility is expected to begin soon.

Martin McGarry, president and chief executive officer of Cushman & Wakefield | Stevenson, real estate broker for Phase III, said the entire development is now sold out.

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