

Community Timber Requests



Wataynikaneyap Power has worked with Valard Construction to address timber requests from communities, community members, and land users. Valard is responsible for discussing communities' expectations related to timber.

Contract with Valard: Timber within 5 km of your Community

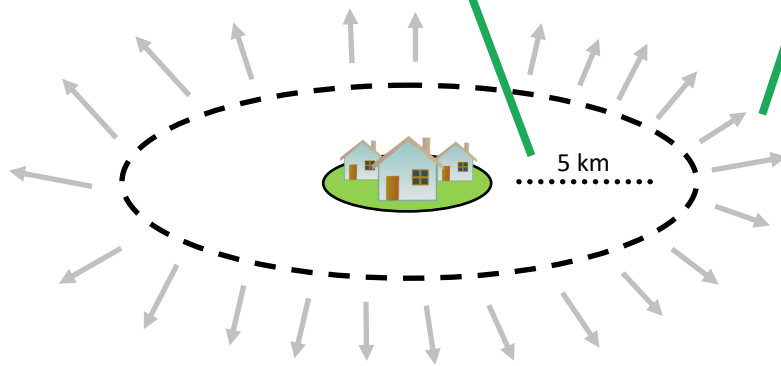
As per the Contract, Valard will provide timber from within the 5 km radius of the community.

- Communities are asked to identify their timber requests to Valard in advance of clearing activities in their area.
- Valard and the community will discuss the best way to transport and receive the timber.

Offering from Valard: Timber beyond 5 km of your Community

Valard has offered to provide additional residential firewood to individuals and families at no cost to them outside of the 5 km radius as the Project moves North.

- Other arrangements for timber can also be made on a case-by-case basis.
- This wood will be de-limbed, bucked (generally wood stove size), and delivered to a mutually agreed-upon site.
- This timber offering will be based on what timber is available on the ROW and what can be done without impacting Project schedule.
- Based on the planned activity going forward, this offering is extended to land users and partner communities.



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Unsure of the schedule? Ask your Community Liaison, check the latest newsletter, or contact watayinquiries@wataypower.ca



Harvested timber along the transmission line corridor being collected

Burning on the Right of Way

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) policy requires that wood fiber (timber and debris) be removed to reduce the risk of fire.
- Valard is responsible for burning activities.
- As per Valard’s Contract, wood fiber is piled and burned in accordance with Valard’s Burn Plan for Pile Burning and in accordance with the MNRF fire permit.
- The transmission line corridor is around 40 m (130 ft) wide. All burning activity must remain within the corridor. The burn area is limited to the wood and logging debris piles, and the 30 m (100 ft) surrounding any piles.
- The regular burn season is from November 1 to March 31. (MNRF may issue permits with extensions under special circumstances.)
- Ignition will only occur when it is safe and the risk of fire spread is low.
- Prior to ignition each day:
 - MNRF will be notified of planned burn locations and can request burning be postponed/canceled based on the current fire situation.
 - On-site staff will meet for a briefing to outline the burn plan for the day. The focus is on health and safety.

- Piles will be ignited using propane torches or “drip torches” which use diesel or gas.
- Fire and safety equipment will be on site at all times and water pumping units will be available close to all burn areas.
- Crews will work upwind as much as possible to limit workers’ exposure to smoke.
- All piles will be properly extinguished to reduce the possibility of spread.



Wood piles along the ROW

Interested in working on a burn crew?

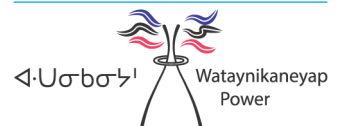
Qualifications to fill these burn crews are SP-100 and SP-200.

Burn crew members require a minimum of SP-100.

Burn crew bosses require SP-200, with adequate experience.

Qualified? Opiikapawiin Services keeps a database of employees. Get yourself into the Labour Pool Database at: www.oslp.ca/labour-pool

Interested? Check the Opiikapawiin Services website for upcoming training opportunities at: www.oslp.ca/training



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