

Township of North Kawartha

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Jason Post, Public Works Manager
Date: April 9, 2025
Subject: Commercial Wood Chipper

Recommendation:

That Council directs staff to purchase a Vermeer BC1200XL commercial wood chipper with winch kit and Optional Vermeer Canada Promise Program to manage roadside trees and brush.

Background:

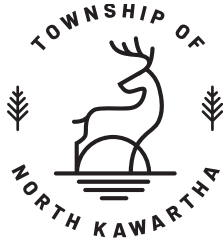
The Public Works Department currently owns a Morbark six (6) inch Wood Chipper. This Chipper is too small and slow for the quantity and size of trees and brush that we experienced during the Derecho in 2022 and now the Ice Storm of 2025. The unit also does not have a hydraulic winch and is not recommended for one as it is too small to handle any material above six (6) inches in diameter.

Analysis:

We are recommending purchasing a Vermeer BC1200XL Wood Chipper. This unit has the capabilities to manage brush and trees up to thirteen (13) inches in diameter and will be much quicker than our current model. This will allow the Public Works Department to handle larger trees with the capability to winch trees into the Chipper feed without a secondary machine trailing the unit. The Chipper is portable and can be moved easily to the jobsite and will increase our efficiency when dealing with these major natural occurrences as well as routine brushing operations. This will allow other equipment to perform tasks while the Chipper is in use. This unit could also be used at the Municipal Transfer stations for managing brush when not in use by the Public Works Department.

Financial Implications:

The quotes that are provided in the spreadsheet below reflect costs through the Canoe Procurement Program.



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I have provided an excerpt from the Canoe Program website that explains the program and information is available through our Municipal Website in the “Bids and Tenders” section under the heading “Group Purchasing”.

“Canoe’s procurement programs are designed to offer **choice and flexibility** while ensuring compliance with trade agreements, helping you achieve your procurement goals.

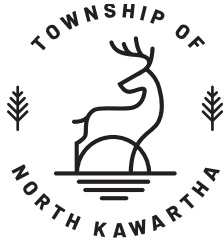
By leveraging group purchasing power, we provide cost-effective, compliant solutions to support your municipality’s needs. Whether you’re focused on ‘Buy Canada’ strategies, exploring alternatives, or balancing both, our diverse supplier network is ready to assist. We’re working closely with suppliers expanding their Canadian offerings and encourage members to connect directly for the best options, because Canoe is built to support Canada’s diverse needs.”

In addition to the Canoe program meeting the requirements of our Procurement Policy by performing the RFP process for us, this purchase also meets the Procurement Policy requirement under Section 10.0 Emergency and Time Sensitive Purchases section.

I have also attached a copy of the RFP and Evaluation Summary through the Canoe Procurement program.

This item was not included in the 2025 Capital Budget so funds would come from Future Capital Reserve. If MMAH (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) activates the MDRA (Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance) program we would include this item in our claim submissions.

Vendor	Model	Details	Amount
Vermeer	BC1200XL	4.3L Gas Engine	\$100,428.90
Vermeer	BC1200XL	13" x 17" Chipper/Winch Installed	\$12,764.00
Vermeer	BC1200XL	Freight and PDI	\$5,821.00
Vermeer	BC1200XL	*Optional Extended 3 Year Total Warranty with Maintenance Package	\$6,475.00
Vermeer	BC1200XL	Less Canoe Program Discount	-\$14,060.05
Total			\$111,428.85



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Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance:

Maintain a strong, accountable municipal government:

1. Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance
2. Provide quality community programs and services
3. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication

In Consultation With:

Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer
Judy Everett, Treasurer
Gary Gerdali, Director of Parks and Recreation/Waste
Chad Tousey, Corporate Accounts Manager, Vermeer Canada

Attachment:

- A. RFP# 031721 Request for Proposals for Tree Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories
- B. Proposal Evaluation, Tree Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, and Accessories
RFP# 031721