

COMMUNITY TIMBER REQUESTS

Wataynikaneyap Power has worked with Valard Construction to develop a timber offering to address timber requests from communities, community members, and land users.

- Valard has a responsibility to discuss communities' expectations related to timber.
- Communities are encouraged to identify their timber requests to Valard in advance of clearing activities in their area.
- As per the contract, Valard is required to identify timber requests within a 5 km radius.



Harvested timber along the transmission line corridor.

- Valard has offered to provide additional residential firewood to individuals and families at no cost to them outside of the 5 km radius of communities as the Project progresses North. This wood will be de-limbed, bucked (generally wood stove size), and delivered to a mutually agreed-upon site.
 - This offering will be based on what timber is available on the RoW and what's achievable without impacting Project schedule.
 - Based on the planned activity going forward, this offering is extended to land users and partner communities.
- Other arrangements for timber along the ROW outside the 5km radius for each community may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- As per Contract, residual logging debris will be piled and burned in accordance with Valard's Burn Plan for Pile Burning and in accordance with the MNRF fire permit (**flip over the page for more details**).

QUESTIONS?

Valard has provided the following contacts for timber inquiries from Communities:

- **Jacques Caron** – 780.668.7933
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- **Mark Mcleod** – 780.849.8559
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BURN PROCESS

- The transmission line corridor is generally around 40 m wide. The burn area will be limited to the wood and logging debris piles and the 30 m surrounding any piles. However, all burning activity must remain within the harvested transmission corridor.
- 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.
- 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 exposure to smoke.
- Ignition will only occur when it is safe and the risk of fire spread is low.
- All piles will be properly extinguished to reduce the possibility of spread into adjacent forest areas.

The Participating First Nation businesses and partnerships who have been subcontracted by Valard for RoW clearing activities will be responsible for burning wood debris.

Burn Crew members require a minimum of SP-100. Burn bosses for a burn crew require RX-200, with adequate experience. Qualifications accepted to fill these burn crews are SP-100, SP102, RX-100, and RX-200.



Wood piles along the line corridor.

BURNING OF WOOD ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)

- Wood fibre that has been cut during clearing of the 40 m RoW must be removed before the conductors (wires) can be installed on the transmission line towers.
- In accordance with the terms of the Contract and Valard's additional offer, where possible, wood fibre will be delivered to Indigenous communities (**flip over the page for more details**).
- As per the contract, all bidders were asked to chip or burn unutilized wood outside of Indigenous communities.
 - Valard has selected the option to pile and burn as per their contract.
- Burning will be carried out in accordance with annual Fire Permits issued to Valard Construction by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the associated approved Burn Plan for Pile Burning prepared by Valard.
- The regular burn season is from Nov. 1 to March 31 annually, (MNRF may issue permits with extensions under special circumstances).

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[HTTPS://WWW.OSLP.CA/LABOUR-POOL](https://www.oslp.ca/labour-pool)