



**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

COUNCIL REPORT

February 24, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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DEPARTMENT: Legal Department
RE: PUC Transmission - Licence to Occupy - Tree Clearing on
Yates Avenue

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request Council's approval of a Licence to Occupy City Property Agreement (the "Agreement") between the City and PUC (TRANSMISSION) LP by its General Partner PUC (TRANSMISSION) GP INC. (the "Tenant") to permit the Tenant to conduct tree clearing on PIN 31609-0390 (LT) for the PUC Transmission Project (the "City Property").

Background

On April 8, 2024 an Easement Option Agreement was entered into by The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and PUC (TRANSMISSION) LP by its General Partner PUC (TRANSMISSION) GP INC. (hereinafter the "PUC") to facilitate the PUC Transmission Project on the lands comprising the City Property and also PIN 31609-0392 (LT).

On January 23, 2025, the City was contacted by PUC to request permission to begin tree clearing on the City Property.

Analysis

The request was circulated to relevant departments for comment. No issues or concerns were raised.

The Agreement is necessary to provide PUC and its respective employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, surveyors and workers (the "PUC Authorized Representatives") with permission to enter onto the City Property to commence tree clearing activities under the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement. The PUC and the PUC Authorized Representatives must all be compliant with and be an approved Contractor under the City's Contractor Prequalification Program. The Agreement sets out insurance requirements and ensures that PUC indemnifies and holds the City harmless from any matters that may arise directly or indirectly from the permission granted, the Agreement and the tree clearing activities.

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Financial Implications

There is no financial impact to the City for the Agreement.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

This is an operational matter not articulated in the corporate Strategic Plan.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-law 2025-33 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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