



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

**C O U N C I L   R E P O R T**

August 11, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council  
AUTHOR: Karen Marlow, Manager of Purchasing  
DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services  
RE: Machine Rental, John Street Sanitary Main Cleaning - PWT

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to proceed with equipment rental, including operator, of sewer cleaning bucket machines as required by Public Works and Engineering.

**Background**

The sanitary main cleaning at John Street location is to remove debris from the main for approximately 250m. This job requires specialized equipment which is not part of current fleet equipment.

Power bucket machines are used to clean debris from sewers, even if clogged with large masses of roots, sand and grit. The power bucket machine system involves using two trailer-mounted winch units, a pulling unit and a truck loader unit each equipped with sufficient steel cable and are set up between two manholes.

This bucket machine system is available through Braywood Services Inc., Ontario as rental option.

**Analysis**

PWT has explored alternate cleaning methods through contractors, and options from sewer equipment providers. The bucket machine is the preferred method for cleaning larger lines that are heavily laden with sediment. An advantage is no water is required and only solids are hauled by the buckets cleaning quicker and more effectively than with a combination truck.

Braywood Services Inc. can accommodate providing the Bucket Machine solution and have confirmed they could be available mid to late September for deploying the work which is required prior to area freezing. The work will include transporting and set up (2) bucket machines and accessory equipment, and technicians to operate the machines and facilitate the process. (*Other additional work items noted as extra will be accommodated by PWT*).

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This sole source request is in accordance with the Purchasing By-law 22.3 a), c) as there is an absence of competition for technical reasons and the service is supplied by owner of equipment.

**Financial Implications**

PWT staff anticipate the services will require an estimated 5-7 days for completion of cleaning of debris. Braywood Services Inc. submitted pricing at rental amount of \$18,900/day, for value of \$134,628 including non-rebateable HST, over a seven-day period. PWT would complete any work remaining if applicable as it should not be substantial.

Funding up to \$150,000 is available from within the emergency sanitary fund which will accommodate this requirement.

**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:

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated August 11, 2025 concerning Machine Rental, John Street Sanitary Main Cleaning be received and that the work be awarded to Braywood Services Inc. as sole source up to seven days at the rental fee of \$18,900/ day plus HST.

Respectfully submitted,

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