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REQUESTS FOR QUOTATION – 2026-07
TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR

The Township of Nipigon is issuing this Request For Quotation (RFQ) to secure a Contractor to provide Annual Trail Maintenance from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 for the following Trails:

- Bald Spot
- Nipigon River Recreation Trail
- Portage Trails

Proposed Scope of Work

- A full inspection of each trail with additional visits throughout the year, including grass/brush trimming to specifications set by the Township of Nipigon, logs of all inspections and accompanying photos must be documented, submitted and provided to the Township of Nipigon monthly. Payment will not be provided until these logs are submitted for each inspection.
- Inspect all structures along the trail including but not limited to steps, lookouts, railings, and bridges.
- Must be available to complete spot maintenance as required (removal of periodic blowdowns, etc)
- Must be able to respond within twenty-four (24) hours when made aware of an issue/emergency
- Requirements: certified to use a chain saw, have own tools/transportation and be experienced in trail work. Certified in trail maintenance would be an asset
- the trails will be maintained minimum 3' wide

When cutting and trimming:

- the best time to clean trail is during leaf season
- when trimming maple saplings, bushes, trees, etc. try to keep the pathway at least 3 feet wide and 7 feet high so it will take some time before it grows back in and requires another cleaning
- around blazed trees, ensure that vegetation and branches are cleared so that the blaze is clearly visible for a distance
- always trim as close to the ground as possible to keep stubs from tripping hikers
- always cut off the tops flat (never leave them pointed as hikers would impale themselves if they lost their footing)
- if possible, cut and haul away small trees in the pathway, however, if they are too big to cut, try to see that they are laying flat along the ground so they are easy to climb over. If that is not possible, cut a pathway around the tree so hikers can get around it without losing the Trail.

NAME OF FIRM BIDDING

DATE

SIGNATURE OF FIRM

The Township is free to award all, part or none of the work. For a bid to be considered successful, the Township may request that the successful bidder enter into an agreement with the Township to ensure that the work is completed up to the necessary standards and specifications.

If the RFQ is withdrawn or cancelled at any time the Township shall not be liable for any costs, losses, damages, or expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to the RFQ.

It is proposed that the Township will review the quotation(s) received and will make a recommendation for approval of the selected Contractor. The Township of Nipigon reserves the right to accept any, all, or none of the quotations submitted and award any, all and/or part of the work to any Contractor. To this end, the Township reserves the right to award parts of the project to different Contractor's at the sole discretion of the Township.

For further information call the Township Office, 52 Front Street, Nipigon, ON, POT 2J0, PHONE 807-887-3135 ex 204 or FAX 807-887-3564.

All questions and/or inquiries regarding this RFQ are to be submitted via email to pws@nipigon.net no later than April 20, 2026 at 12:00pm (noon) local time. All questions/inquiries will be responded to via addendum by April 24, 2026 at 12:00pm (noon) local time.

Quotations are to be either emailed to pws@nipigon.net or provided in SEALED ENVELOPES, clearly marked "RFQ 2026-07, Trail Maintenance Contractor" will be received by Ms. Taylor Haskell, Public Works Superintendent, at the Township Office, 52 Front Street, Nipigon, ON POT 2J0 until **12:00 p.m. (Noon) local time, MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026.**

The lowest or any RFQ will not necessarily be accepted. The Township of Nipigon reserves the right to choose the supplier and/or equipment that best suits the needs of the Township at the sole discretion of the Township and not necessarily the lowest quoted amount.