



South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNC)

Bid Document

Request for Tenders (RFT)

Hay Harvest – SNC 164 Property, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

Tender Closing

Date: **July 29, 2022**

Time: **2:00 p.m. local time**

Submit Electronically to: bharbers@nation.on.ca

Attn: Brent Harbers
Watershed Biologist

Late bids will not be accepted.

SNC reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of any Bid and also reserves the right to accept other than the lowest Bid and to cancel this Call for Bids at any time.





Purpose

South Nation Conservation (SNC) is requesting tender submission to harvest hay from approximately 14.5 hectares of land on SNC Property 164 in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal in 2022.

SNC Property 164 Details

SNC Property 164 is located at 8034 County Road 22, Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Ontario. See map attached that outlines the four fields to be harvested.

SNC acquired SNC Property 164 in 2019. The property contains four separate hay fields of varying size that have not been harvested in at least five years. Some areas of the fields have grown woody vegetation and encroachment of shrub and weed species has occurred in lower and wetter areas.

SNC wishes to return the four fields to productive hay fields for late-cut hay. The fields were brush-hogged to the extent possible in spring 2022 to reduce woody vegetation and encroaching shrub growth within the hay fields. A soil test was taken in 2021 and a granular fertilizer was applied in June 2022 to address nutrient deficiencies. A second application of fertilizer is planned after the first cut of hay in 2022.

Requirements of Harvest

SNC is managing the property under the SNC 164 Property Management Plan which guides the management of the property for grassland birds and hay production. The cutting and harvesting of hay at SNC Property 164 will follow the recommendations within the SNC 164 Property Management Plan.

Conditions to be followed for the harvest of the hay include:

1. Delay cutting hay and wait until at least July 15th before cutting hay to avoid disruption of bird nesting sites.
2. Fields must be cut at least one time per year.
3. Cutting speed should be slow and any fledgling birds allowed to escape.



4. Cutting height should be a minimum of 6 inches. This may be negotiated with SNC at the time of cutting.
5. The field may need to be pre-scouted before cutting hay to identify any potential nesting species at risk. This will be discussed with SNC prior to hay cutting and harvest.

Any additional work to the site outside of cutting and harvesting hay will require review and acceptance in writing by South Nation Conservation.

The current hay harvest is to be for the year 2022 only.

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

The Vendor shall procure and maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance:

- a. Having a limit of liability of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) inclusive for any one occurrence;
- b. Including insurance against liability for bodily injury and property damage caused by vehicles or equipment owned by the Vendor;
- c. Being endorsed to provide that the policies will not be altered, cancelled, or allowed to lapse without thirty (30) days prior written notice to SNC;
- d. Name SNC as an additional insured party; and
- e. Contain a cross-liability clause.

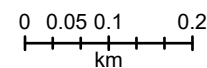
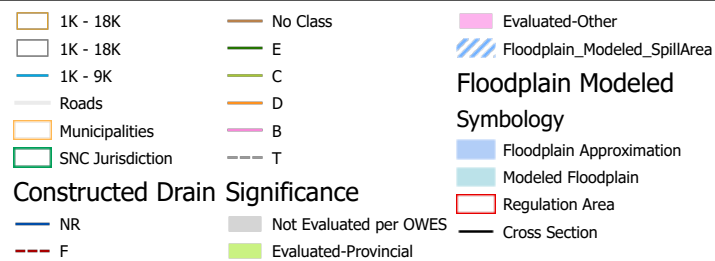
Pricing and Submission Details

The Proponent should include the price per hectare to be paid to SNC for 14.5 ha hay cutting and harvest.

The Proponent shall provide proof of insurance required under Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with their Tender submission.

In the event that satisfactory proof of insurance cannot be provided, a letter from the Proponent's insurance company confirming that the Proponent will be able to obtain the required insurance will suffice.

8034 County Road 22, Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal



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