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Thunder Bay Hydro Helps Plant the *Right* Tree in the *Right* Place

Thunder Bay, ON –Thunder Bay Hydro is joining forces with the City of Thunder Bay’s Tree Stewardship Program assist in the planting of larger trees around the city.

Last fall, Thunder Bay Hydro announced that it was stepping up its tree trimming and removal program to proactively ensure public safety and to provide a reliable electrical service to customers by preventing unscheduled power interruptions caused by trees in power lines. They have consulted with the city about the issue of which species are being planted in locations under power lines and worked to move tall tree plantings to areas away from power lines.

“Our message is that we want people to plant the right tree in the right place. This involves choosing species that will not grow too tall under power lines and saving tall trees for areas farther from our lines,” states Mike Dixon, Forester for Thunder Bay Hydro. “Thunder Bay Hydro understands the value of the urban forest. That is why we support this program.”

“Our corporate sponsors are a vital part of keeping this program going,” says Brad Doff from the Thunder Bay Tree Stewardship Program. “This donation will help us keep up with the increasing demand for appropriate neighbourhood trees.”

The Tree Stewardship program is a cost-shared, accelerated tree planting program to plant trees on neighbourhood boulevards within a year of request. Home owners share the cost with the city and a pool of donations garnered from sponsors and grants. The trees that are planted are around six to seven years old and weigh between three and four hundred pounds.

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