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**Municipality of the County of Cumberland Policy 18-13**

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**Policy Respecting Safety Lights**

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**General**

1. This Policy is entitled the “Policy Respecting Safety Lights.”
2. The purpose of this Policy is to establish a procedure to be followed by the Municipality of the County of Cumberland when determining whether to install a safety light at a particular location.
3. In this Policy:
  - a. “Municipal Engineer” means the Municipal Engineer for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland;
  - b. “EMC” means the Emergency Measures Coordinator for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland;
  - c. “emergency responders” means individuals and organizations with emergency response and/or public safety responsibilities in the area under consideration, and includes the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Municipal Fire Services, Emergency Health Services, the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal;
  - d. “Municipality” means the Municipality of the County of Cumberland; and
  - e. “safety light” means a streetlight that is provided and paid for by the Municipality for the purpose of protecting public safety in dangerous and inadequately lit areas but does not include a streetlight which is part of the user-pay streetlight system pursuant to the Streetlight Policy.


**Emergency Measures Coordinator (EMC)**

4. The EMC shall maintain an inventory of safety lights that have been installed.
5. The EMC shall evaluate each municipal district as time permits and shall periodically consult emergency responders and any other person with relevant knowledge, on an individual basis, to identify locations of concern and the particular problem at each location.
6. A member of the general public may submit a written request for a new safety light or change in location of a safety light to the EMC.
7. A Councillor may submit a written request to the Municipal Engineer for a new safety light or change in location of a safety light. This request will then be provided to the EMC for review.

8. Where the EMC receives a request for a safety light, the EMC shall evaluate the suggested location as soon as reasonably practical and shall consult emergency responders and any other person with relevant knowledge as part of such evaluation.
9. When carrying out an evaluation pursuant to sections 5 or 8, the EMC shall consider:
  - a. road speed;
  - b. traffic levels;
  - c. existing lighting;
  - d. pedestrian levels;
  - e. road and intersection characteristics;
  - f. bridges and other infrastructure;
  - g. accident history;
  - h. local environmental conditions; and
  - i. any other factors the EMC considers relevant.
10. Where after an evaluation pursuant to sections 5 or 8, it is the opinion of the EMC that a new safety light should be installed, or an existing safety light should be relocated or removed, the results of the evaluation shall be reported to the Municipal Engineer with a recommendation.
11. The Municipal Engineer shall consider reports and recommendations made by the EMC, and subject to budget constraints may approve the installation and maintenance, relocation or removal of safety lights as they deem appropriate.

**Effective Date**

12. This Policy is effective upon adoption and replaces any previous Safety Lights Policies.

<u>Clerk's Annotation For Official Policy Book</u>	
Date of Notice to Council of Intent to Consider [7 days minimum]: <u>July 25, 2018</u>	
Date of Passage of Current Policy: <u>September 5, 2018</u>	
I certify that this policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
 Municipal Clerk	 Date