

General

1. This Policy is entitled the “Policy Respecting Safety Lights.”
2. The purpose of this Policy is to establish the process 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. “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;
 - c. “Municipality” means the Municipality of the County of Cumberland; and
 - d. “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.
4. The Municipality shall maintain an inventory of safety lights that have been installed.
5. A member of the general public or a member of council may submit a written request for a new safety light or change in location of a safety light to the Municipal Clerk.
6. Where the Municipality receives a request for a safety light, the Municipal Engineer, or designate, shall evaluate the request and may consult emergency responders and any other person with relevant knowledge as part of such evaluation.

7. When carrying out an evaluation pursuant to sections 5 or 8, the Municipal Engineer 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 Municipal Engineer considers relevant.

8. The Municipal Engineer may approve the installation and maintenance, relocation, or removal of safety lights as they deem appropriate.

Effective Date

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

Clerks Annotation for Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Consider (7 days minimum): July 25, 2018

Date of Passage of Policy: September 5, 2018

Date of Notice to Council of Intent to Consider the amended Policy: December 11, 2024

Date of Passage of Amended Policy: December 18, 2024

I hereby certify that this Policy was adopted as indicated above.

Deputy Clerk

Amanda Keenan

Date: December 19, 2024