
Municipality of the County of Cumberland Policy 18-15

Streetlight Policy

General

1. This Policy is entitled "Streetlight Policy."
2. The purpose of this Policy is to encourage a responsible attitude with regard to street lighting, to allow flexibility and individual system design, and to regulate the payment of the streetlight system by recovering a cost through a "user pay" system whereby streetlight strings are paid for by the people who own property within the boundaries of the string.
3. This Policy does not include safety light standards. (see Safety Light Policy 18-13)
4. In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. "absolute majority" means an agreement among two thirds of all property owners with one vote per property which fronts the area to be modified, added to or removed from the streetlight string, or which fronts on the proposed new streetlight string;
 - b. "Council" means the Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland;
 - c. "Municipality" means the Municipality of the County of Cumberland;
 - d. "property" or "assessed property" means a taxable assessed property, and includes vacant land, land used for agricultural purposes, land used for forestry purposes, small remnant parcels of land, and land with small frontages;
 - e. "streetlight string" means a Municipal lighting system comprised of at least two (2) lights within 300 meters of each other;
 - f. "Street light system" means the entire lighting system.

Payment of Streetlight System

5. The overall cost of the streetlight system is a uniform rate for any power, maintenance or replacement for all serviced properties.
6. Pursuant to the "user pay" system, the cost of each streetlight string shall be recovered from property owners in the area served by the system, according to the following principles:
 - a. Each property served by a streetlight string shall pay an equal portion of the cost of the streetlight system.
 - b. Each property within 30 meters of both ends of the string system will be billed a uniform rate.

- c. A property owner who owns more than one assessed property served by the same streetlight string shall make separate payments for each assessed property.
- d. Where a single lot possesses frontage on more than one streetlight string, the property owner(s) shall be billed for only one streetlight string.

Additions, Modifications, or Removal of Streetlight Strings

- 7. The Municipality will consider requests, in the form of applications, for new streetlight strings, modifications to an existing streetlight string including the lengthening or shortening of an existing string at the ends, or removal of an existing streetlight string.
- 8. The Municipality may assist an interested party with the preparation of an application.
- 9. The Municipality shall obtain estimates of the cost of implementing the changes or adding new lighting, as well as estimates of the relevant operating costs, and shall provide such information to the interested parties.
- 10. Municipal staff may assist with the preparation of mapping which shows all changes or new lighting.
- 11. The number, type, wattage and spacing of existing streetlight strings shall be maintained to the extent that it is reasonably feasible to do. The Municipal Engineer may authorize minor changes if such changes would not greatly affect the cost of a system, or if necessary because of changes in roads or pole locations. Where in the opinion of the Municipal Engineer, a proposed change would significantly affect residents or increase the cost of the system, the Municipal Engineer shall refer the proposed change to Council and may make a recommendation on the matter. Council may approve a proposed change when it is of the opinion that it would be equitable to do so, or when it is in the best interest of the residents.
- 12. All previous Streetlight Policies of the former towns of Springhill and Parrsboro, and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland are hereby repealed.

Clerk's 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 Current Policy: September 5, 2018

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.



Municipal Clerk



Date