



## **MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU INTERSECTION STREET LIGHTING POLICY**

The Municipality of the County of Pictou hereby enacts the following policy with respect to the provision of street lighting at intersections in areas where residential street lighting does not exist:

Street lighting shall be managed to aid in the safe passage of motor vehicles on public streets or roads and pedestrian traffic at street intersections and other pedestrian infrastructure.

Street lighting shall be managed within the means of the Municipality. Therefore, the intent of the policy is to provide a level of street lighting that is both affordable and adequate for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

When a request of additional street-lighting is made based upon public safety concerns, the Director of Public Works & Development shall:

- (a) Conduct an analysis of public safety problems in the area and whether such problems could reasonably be expected to be alleviated by additional street lighting.
- (b) In reviewing the need for additional street lighting requirements, the following conditions shall be considered:
  - ( i) Traffic Volume;
  - ( ii) Accident rates at the intersection;
  - (iii) Ambient Light, where illumination in areas adjacent to the intersection adversely affects the driver's vision;
  - (iv) The intersection approach speed is equal to at least 60 km/h;
  - ( v) The location at which a driver is required to pass through a section of road with complex geometry. The geometry must pose a specific night time traffic hazard;
  - (vi) The location where signage is posted for changes in the expected traveled way, and it is deemed by the Director of Public Works & Development that signage alone is insufficient for night time traffic safety;

- (vii) The intersection has a flashing beacon or signalized traffic control.
- (c) Street lighting for intersections shall only be provided on publically owned and maintained roads, where at least 50% of the intersection is paved.
- (d) If installation meets County streetlight warrants, the Municipality will pay the installation, operating, and maintenance costs.
- (e) This policy shall not be used to install lights at approaches to any 100 series highways.
- (f) All street lighting expenditures must conform to approved budget amounts.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, the Councilor for any district may request that 10 intersection lights be installed in their district without an investigation pursuant to clause 1.

**REPEAL**

All former policies and/or practices heretofore enacted with respect to street lighting at intersections in areas where residential street lighting does not exist are hereby repealed.

DATED at Pictou, NS this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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