



# **MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELburne**

## **Policy Statement**

### **STREET LIGHTING POLICY**

The placement of street lights in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne is to provide for and ensure a certain level of safety and security for vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic. In doing so, Council must also minimize the environmental impact of street lights while meeting these needs.

The Municipality of the District of Shelburne may consider the placement, removal, relocation or addition of a street light, in accordance with the conditions specified in this policy.

#### **(1) TITLE**

1.1 This policy may be cited for all purposes as the “Street Lighting Policy”.

#### **(2) PLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS - PUBLIC ROADS**

2.1 Approval will be considered for the placement of a new street light on public roads listed and maintained by the NS Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal if the following conditions are met:

- (i) A written request from the owner of a residence for a specific location; or a written request from the Councillor in whose district the request is being made.
- (ii) All requests shall be forwarded to the Municipal Office, accompanied by a sketch of the area outlining the residences, power poles and existing lights in the immediate area.
- (iii) For the purpose of lighting the area in front of a church, community hall, fire hall and other public places.
- (iv) In an area that is deemed to be hazardous and that would benefit from lighting.
- (v) At the intersection of roads.

2.2 The placement of street lights shall be no closer than on alternate poles in more densely populated areas of the Municipality.

2.3 The placement of street lights shall be no closer than on each fourth pole in less densely populated areas of the Municipality.

2.4 Street lights shall be placed on existing poles, and in such cases where a new pole is required, it will be the responsibility of the person requesting the street light to pay all associated costs for the new pole.

### **(3) PLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS - PRIVATE ROADS**

3.1 Approval will be considered for the placement of a new street light on private roads where four or more permanent, year round dwellings are located, if the following conditions are met:

- (i) A written request from the owner of a residence for a specific location; or a written request from the Councillor in whose district the request is being made.
- (ii) All requests shall be forwarded to the Municipal Office, accompanied by a sketch of the area outlining the residences, power poles and existing lights in the immediate area.

3.2 The priority for street light placement on private roads will be at intersections and in areas where safety may be a concern; however, will not exceed a density of four lights per kilometer, and in no case to be installed closer than on alternate poles.

3.3 Street lights shall be placed on existing poles, and in such cases where a new pole is required, it will be the responsibility of the person requesting the street light to pay all associated costs for the new pole.

**(4) REMOVAL, RELOCATION AND ADDITION OF STREET LIGHTS**

4.1 Street lights may be removed at the request of a resident or Councillor and actioned by staff, in accordance with the provisions in this policy.

4.2 Street lights may be relocated to another area at the request of a resident or Councillor and actioned by staff, in accordance with the provisions in this policy.

4.3 The addition of street lights to the municipal inventory will only be done by approval of Council, as set out in Sections 2 and 3 above.

**(5) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TO STREET LIGHTS**

5.1 All street lights shall be maintained and repaired as soon as reasonably possible to ensure public safety.

5.2 In the event that street lights are repeatedly vandalized, the Municipality may remove them without notice.

**(6) ASSESSMENT**

6.1 The Municipality will assess its street lighting requirements on an annual basis to ensure adherence to the policy.

**(7) EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY**

7.1 All exceptions to this policy shall be approved by Council.

Clerk's Annotation For Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council members of Intent to Consider: March 14, 2011  
(7 days minimum)

Date of Passage of Policy: March 28, 2011

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Clerk

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