



Policy Title: Street Light Policy

Policy #: 07-03

Section: Planning and Development
Services, Operations and
Public Works

Initially Approved:

Last Reviewed: March 27, 2017

Scheduled to be Reviewed:

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Council to provide streetlight illumination on city streets where necessary and with technology that illuminates only on the street surface to provide way-finding for night-time travel, and reduce adverse impacts such as light trespass, obtrusive light, night time sky glow , electricity usage and operations/maintenance costs.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

Rossland's street illumination is provided by some 500 street lights with a mix of wattages, ranging from 70 watts to 400 watts; the majority being 100-watt and 150-watt bulbs . There is little consistency with the patterns in which the city's street blocks are lit (or not lit) at night. The city features typical blocks with up to 5 streetlights and other blocks with none at all. Budget and environmental considerations have since prompted more scrutiny on the number, location, cost and effectiveness of Rossland's street illumination.

Rossland's OCP has a policy to support an acceptable reduction and/or replacement of the City's street lights to decrease night time light pollution, reduce energy consumption and operational costs. The zoning bylaw contains regulations directing any outdoor lighting to be located, arranged and shielded so that no direct rays of light are oriented upwards, shine beyond the boundaries of the parcel.

POLICY PROCEDURES:

1. To remove excess lighting on low pedestrian roadways, dead end streets, alleys and rural roads.
2. To ensure adequate lighting in intersections, blind corners, heavy pedestrian areas (sidewalks, schools, parks), high density housing areas and on all roads designated as Collector roads in Schedule D –Transportation Map of the Official Community Plan.
3. To replace all of the non LED streetlights to 3000K LED lights.
4. To ensure a 15 working day reponse time to lighting complaints.