

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>			
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<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> June 8, 2021			
<b>Subject:</b> Park Lighting Strategy			
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>			
<p>That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing a park lighting strategy. The strategy should consider the need for policy changes around park usage, conditions/criteria in which lighting is needed, and a capital program for park upgrades</p>			
<b>Reason:</b>			
<p>Over the last several years, I have regularly received lighting requests for the Dartmouth Common, Sullivan's Pond, and the Harbour Trail. My suspicion is that District 5 isn't unique and there are park spaces where there is a desire for lighting in other districts as well. HRM, however, has no dedicated capital program for lighting. Lighting is considered on a one-off basis when park plans are being prepared. There also isn't good guidance as to when lighting should be considered. Technically, most parks are closed at night so, from that perspective, why are we providing lighting at all? The Parks bylaw doesn't reflect the actual demands and uses of park spaces between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am. Spaces are used in the evening, and many parks also serve as important transportation connections for pedestrians and cyclists. A detailed look at lighting in parks from a policy and planning perspective and from a priority point of view for upgrades is needed.</p>			
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>			
Staff recommendation report			
Councillor Sam Austin		District 05	