

HALIFAX

Park Lighting Strategy

Accessibility Advisory Committee
February 27, 2023

Parks & Recreation
Policy & Planning

2023-02-17

Origin

June 8, 2021 motion of Halifax Regional Council (Item Number 11.7.1) MOVED by Councillor Austin; seconded by Councillor Mancini; 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.

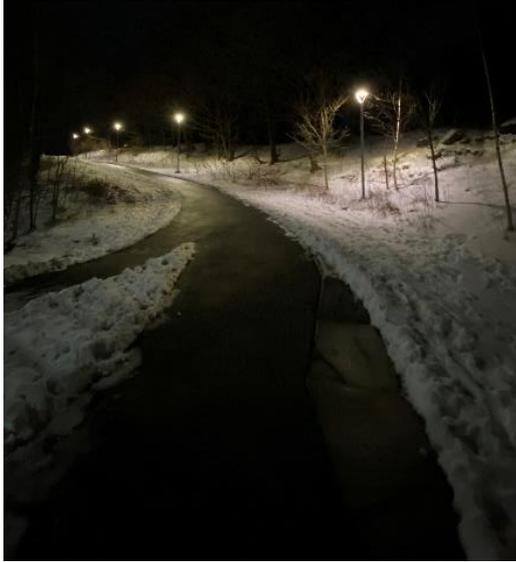
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On August 23, 2022, staff recommended: that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report and park lighting strategy to guide the design and implementation of walkway, facility, and decorative/placemaking lighting, pursuant to the scope of work as outlined within this report.

Background

- More than 900 parks within the municipality.
- Urban, suburban, and rural settings.
- Parks are used for recreation and leisure, but also operate as social spaces and main travel routes.
- Currently there is no formal process to consider lighting or where it may occur in parks.

Park Lighting Situations



Pathways in Parks



Park Facilities



Placemaking/
Decorative

Project Contributors

Internal	External
Parks & Recreation	Business Improvement Districts
Diversity & Inclusion	Build Nova Scotia
Public Safety Office	HRCE
Active Transportation	RCMP, HRP
Facility Design and Construction	Public
Environment & Climate Change	

Tentative Agenda

- Informal discussion to gain perspective on your lived experiences.
- Note: There may other physical characteristics of parks that could be improved, however, our conversations will be limited to lighting.



Potential questions:

1. How should lighting for improved visibility and accessibility look and feel in a park setting?
2. Are there specific lighting situations/examples that you consider to be good or bad?
3. How should parks be prioritized for lighting? Should there be criteria or weighting?

Next Steps

- Gauge the public's response for how lighting can make park spaces safer and more enjoyable after dark.
- Continue to meet with internal and external stakeholders.
- Possible changes to Parks By-law P-600, respecting nighttime use will be assessed.
- Finalize a report and present to Regional Council, late 2023 or early 2024.