



**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET
POLICY & PROCEDURES**

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1) PURPOSE

To establish a consistent process for the review, approval, and cost allocation of streetlight installation requests within the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet (Municipality). The policy supports responsible financial management, public safety and efficient lighting practices.

2) SCOPE

This policy applies only to requests for new or additional streetlight installations within the RM of Lac du Bonnet including:

- a) Existing residential subdivisions where streetlights were not originally installed or assumed by the Municipality.
- b) Municipal roads not located within a defined subdivision, such as rural roads or sparsely developed areas.

This policy does not regulate streetlight requirements within new developments, which are addressed through development agreements and municipal development standards.

3) DEFINITIONS

- a) Applicant: means a resident or property owner submitting a streetlight request.
- b) Capital Cost: means all costs associated with the installation of a streetlight, including poles, fixtures, wiring, installation, engineering, and utility connection fees.
- c) Municipal Road: means a road under the ownership, care, or control of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet.
- d) Streetlight: means a fixed outdoor lighting fixture installed within the municipal right of way for the purpose of improving roadway or public area visibility.



e) Streetlight Request: means a formal application submitted to the Municipality seeking installation of a new or additional streetlight.

4) **STREETLIGHT REQUESTS**

4.1 ELIGIBILITY

Requests for streetlight installation may be submitted where a need for lighting has been identified to address:

- Traffic or pedestrian safety
- Limited visibility or hazardous roadway conditions
- Proximity to public facilities or gathering areas
- School bus routes or frequent nighttime activity
- Support from neighbouring property owners is encouraged to demonstrate community awareness and benefit but is not required for consideration.

4.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

All streetlight requests will be evaluated by Public Works using objective criteria, including but not limited to:

1. Roadway classification and traffic volume
2. Pedestrian activity or public use patterns
3. Intersection configuration or visibility limitations
4. Documented safety concerns or collision history
5. Proximity to parks, trails, or community facilities
6. Spacing and proximity to existing streetlights
7. Technical feasibility and utility servicing requirements
8. Installation and lifecycle cost considerations

Meeting one or more criteria does not guarantee approval.

5) **APPLICATION PROCESS**

5.1 APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Streetlight requests must be submitted using the Municipal Streetlight Request Application Form and include:



- Applicants contact information
- Requested location
- Description of concern or justification
- Supporting information or documentation, if available

5.2 Administrative Review

Public Works will review the application against evaluation criteria, conduct a site inspection where required, consult with Manitoba Hydro or the applicable utility provider, obtain preliminary installation cost estimates and prepare a report and recommendation for the CAO.

5.3 Delegation to Council

The applicant may be requested to appear before Council as a delegation to provide additional information or respond to questions regarding the request.

5.4 Council Decision

Council may, by resolution approve the request, deny the request or defer the request pending additional information or budget consideration.

6) COST RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 Applicant Funded Installations

Unless otherwise determined by Council, the capital cost associated with installation shall be paid by the applicant(s).

6.2 Municipal Safety Installations

Council may authorize the Municipality to pay all or a portion of the capital cost where a streetlight is determined to address a broader municipal safety requirement rather than a localized benefit.

Examples may include intersection near Provincial highways, high traffic municipal or collector roads, locations serving the travelling public generally, or areas where lighting improves safety for the municipality as a whole rather than a specific subdivision.



6.3 Municipal Contribution

Upon successful installation and acceptance into the municipal lighting inventory, the Municipality will assume annual operating and maintenance costs.

7) GENERAL CONDITIONS

7.1 Technical Review

All requests will undergo technical review by Municipal staff to confirm feasibility, safety, location suitability and utility coordination requirements with Manitoba Hydro.

7.2 Installation Coordination

Following Council approval and receipt of required capital funding from the Applicant, where applicable, the Municipality will coordinate installation with Manitoba Hydro.

7.3 Compliance with Standards

All installations must adhere to approved engineering and utility standards, including spacing, illumination levels, fixture types, and environmental considerations.

This policy is effective upon adoption by Council and shall be enforced by municipal administration in accordance with its terms and conditions.

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