

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Residents invited to share their bright ideas on LED streetlights

#### Summary

The City is seeking input from residents on a recent study regarding converting City-owned streetlights from High Pressure Sodium (HPS) to Light Emitting Diode (LED). On April 25, residents are invited to an open house at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm where they will learn about the difference between the lighting types and provide their thoughts.

*Strategic Link:* Asset Management

#### Key Points

- Consultants were hired by the City to study a case for switching City-owned streetlights from HPS lights to LED. Their findings recommended moving to LED fixtures.
- Conversion of the streetlights has the potential of saving \$200,000 per year in energy and another \$25,000 in maintenance costs.
- Holding the open house later in the evening gives residents attending the opportunity to see the options available for LED lights and see the difference when compared to HPS lighting.

#### Quotes

"The City of Nanaimo operates more than 4000 streetlights. LED lights have become reliable and relatively inexpensive. They offer power savings up to 60% compared with our existing lighting. We are now studying the case for converting streetlights to LED."

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