

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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