



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA
BY-LAW NUMBER 3706-2024**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A STREETLIGHT POLICY FOR THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA**

WHEREAS section 11 (1) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 as amended provides that a lower-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that a municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public, and

WHEREAS section 11 (2) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 as amended provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting Services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide; and

WHEREAS the municipality of Augusta desires to adopt a Streetlight Policy to provide guidelines for when, where and how streetlights are to be installed within the Township of Augusta.;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta hereby enacts as follows that:

1. **THAT** the Street Light Policy attached hereto as Schedule "A".
2. This Policy shall be referred to as the "Streetlight Policy".
3. This Policy shall come into force and effect on the day of passing.
4. **THAT** all other By-Laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 29th day of April, 2024.


MAYOR


CLERK



Township of Augusta

Policy:	Streetlight Policy	Date issued: By-Law:	April 29, 2024
Application:	Augusta Residents, Council, Staff	Revision No.	
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A. Authority

The authority for the Street Light Policy shall be by the approval of the Township of Augusta Council (By-Law 3706-2024).

B. Policy Statement

Streets lights located within communities are intended to provide illumination on public streets and pedestrian crossings within the Township of Augusta. Secondary benefits of street lighting include perceived personal security, lighting of property, and public safety.

Council deems it important to provide and improve street lighting for the communities within the Township to assist in providing safe travel.

C. Definitions

“Council” means the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Augusta.

“Manager of Public Works” means the Manager of Public Works or designate for the Corporation of the Township of Augusta.

“Street Light” means an outdoor light or a series of outdoor lights that can be attached to poles, are spaced at intervals along a public street or roadway and are illuminated from dusk to dawn.

“Public Works Department” means the Public Works Department for the Corporation of the Township of Augusta.

“Township” means the Corporation of the Township of Augusta.

D. Purpose

The purpose of the Street Light Policy is to provide guidelines for when, where and how street lights are to be installed within the Township of Augusta. Street lights are installed for the purpose of traffic travel, pedestrian safety, and vehicle safety. The policy will assist in evaluating and prioritizing requests for street light installations.

All installation of new street lights within the Township will depend on the availability of funds allocated by the current fiscal budget.

E. Scope

This policy applies to the installation of all new street lights within the jurisdiction of the municipality. The management of these lights will be by the Public Works Department for the Township of Augusta.

Note: The scope excludes new developments where the installation of streetlights is a requirement of the development agreements.

F. Procedures for the Street Light Policy

This policy will work in coordination with the current lighting standards set out by the Manager of Public Works.

Inventory

All current street lights and proposed future street lights will be entered into the Asset Management Plan in the PSD database. This database will be operated and maintained by the Treasury Department with the cooperation of the Public Works Department providing asset information.

Criteria for New Street Light Installation

The Township will consider installation of new street lights within the Township based on the following criteria:

1. Safety

The main criteria for the installation of new street lights will be based on public safety. To determine if an area should have a street light, the Public Works Department will review various factors including, but not limited to:

- the night time business activity and/or pedestrian activity;
- history of accidents;
- the average vehicle count and speed zones;
- municipal engineering standards;
- intersecting road authorities involved and their criteria (if applicable);
- potential hazards;
- available hydro;
- existing poles;
- weather history; and
- potential light pollution and negative impacts, if any, upon existing residences.

2. Traffic Volume

The traffic volume at intersections will be reviewed when considering the installation of a new street light. Increased traffic volumes may also justify the need for revised street lights.

3. Public Requests

Requests may be received by the Township for additional street lighting for various reasons including the request for additional/fewer lights, rearrangement of lights, and refurbishing of lights.

To provide uniformity, residents requesting additional street lighting may follow the below process:

1. Written requests for new street lights and/or changes in existing street lights on existing roadways must be made to the Manager of Public Works. Requests should include the primary concern and individual contact for follow-up. When an organized group is active, the request shall be submitted by that entity.
2. Upon receipt of the street light request, the Public Works Department will conduct a field survey of the requested site. This survey may include determining the existing lighting conditions (analysis of the number of street lights, locations, spacing, fixture types, poles, and any other pertinent information). The data included within this survey will make up the content of the street light database under the asset management plan. Inspections may take place at night hours if deemed necessary. The results of this field survey will be presented to the Manager of Public Works.
3. If installation is recommended, the Manager of Public Works will determine the specific location of the new street light (or re-placement of existing street lights if appropriate) and incorporate it within a site plan.
4. Once the site plan has been approved, the project will be prioritized on the new street light installation list. The installations requested on this list will be completed based on yearly budget allowances.

Street Lighting Units

All street lighting within the Township of Augusta shall conform to the Townships specifications referenced as ARCH-S-PA1-100-740-U-T2R-AP-10MSP-PR-FADC.

As new streetlight technology becomes available, it shall be reviewed and considered in relation to this policy's provisions and its benefit(s) to the community of the Township of Augusta. Such considerations will include new environmental technologies as they become available and are feasible for the municipality.

G. General

This Policy shall be administered by the Public Works Department.

This Policy shall be reviewed as needed.