



# STAFF REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**DATE OF REPORT** September 30, 2020  
**MEETING TYPE & DATE** Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting of November 4, 2020  
**FROM:** Water Management Division  
Engineering Services Department  
**SUBJECT:** Mill Bay/Malahat Critical Street Light Removal Request  
**FILE:** 0540-20-EAS

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## **PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to request direction for a critical streetlight removal in Electoral Area A– Mill Bay/Malahat.

## **RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION**

That it be recommended to the Board

1. That the streetlight on BC Hydro pole ID 0519891 located at 1045 Bourban Road in Kerry Village Strata 1337, Mill Bay as part of the Critical Street Lighting – Area A Service, be removed; and
2. That the operational costs associated with removing this streetlight be reflected in the 2021 budget for Function 557 – Critical Street Lighting - Area A.

## **BACKGROUND**

In December 2018, a resident from the Kerry Village strata requested that a streetlight be installed on BC Hydro pole ID 0519891, located at 1045 Bourban Road in Kerry Village Strata 1337, Mill Bay as part of the Critical Street Lighting – Area A service. The resident provided a petition signed by 13 residents residing within the strata.

In 2019, complaints were received from neighbours who found the streetlight objectionable and provided a petition signed by 25 residents requesting that the streetlight be removed. Signatures on the second petition were from residents whose homes are located closer to the vicinity of the new light.

## **ANALYSIS**

Normally BC Hydro reviews streetlight requests, and if feasible, installs lights at their expense. Revenue from hydro bills pay for this installation. If removed, BC Hydro has advised that the CVRD could be charged the cost of installation and removal, although at this time have not provided an estimate of the cost. A 100 watt flat lens was installed and there is no option to further decrease intensity.

This streetlight does not meet the new streetlighting policy of providing a service in a critical location and staff recommend removal. However, the policy does not address removal of lights.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Critical streetlights are paid for by all property owners in the electoral area through tax requisition. The annual operating cost for one additional light is approximately \$230 overall. This cost works out to an incremental \$0.02 in requisition per \$100,000 for each household in Mill Bay.

After discussing street light removals with BC Hydro, it was determined that there may be costs associated with the removal. The amounts are currently unknown but those costs would be offset with savings in the hydro cost.

**COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

Liaise with BC Hydro regarding removal, if approved.

**STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable.

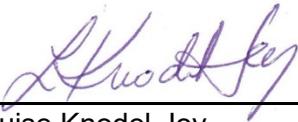
**GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Not Applicable

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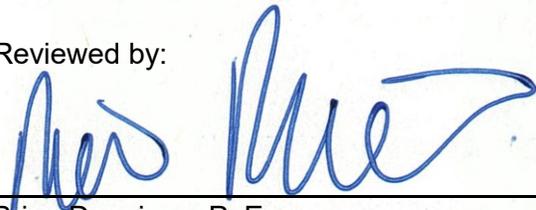
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Financial Considerations:

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Petition for Streetlight Removal  
Attachment B – CVRD Streetlight Policy