

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN**

**BYLAW NO. 2944, 2021**

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**A Bylaw to amend the Electoral Area “A” “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “H” & “I”  
Official Community Plan Bylaws**

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The REGIONAL BOARD of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in open meeting assembled, ENACTS as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Street Lighting Policy Update Amendment Bylaw No. 2944, 2021.”

Electoral Area “A”:

2. The Electoral Area “A” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2905, 2021, is amended by adding a new Section 19.8 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

**19.8 Street Lighting**

The Regional District does not currently maintain a service area for street lighting within Electoral Area “A”. While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural communities and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these areas (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

**19.8.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of designated Primary and Rural Growth Areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

**19.8.2 Policies**

The Regional Board:

1. Strongly discourages the creation of new street lighting service areas outside of Primary and Rural Growth Areas.
2. Requires the establishment of a new street lighting service area occur through a formal assent process initiated by property owners living within an area currently un-served by street lighting.
3. Will assess requests seeking to create a new or expand an existing street lighting service area on the following criteria:
  - a) if the proposed service area is within a designated Primary or Rural Growth Area;
  - b) if there is a need to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety;
  - c) if neighbourhood support exceeds 66% of affected property owners representing more than 50% of the land value within the proposed boundaries of the service area; and
  - d) if street lights will promote economic development.
4. Will evaluate requests proposing the installation new street lighting within a service area administered by the Regional District against the following priority locations:
  - a) intersections;
  - b) adjacent to an existing educational facility;
  - c) adjacent to an existing park;
  - d) a transit stop;
  - e) a cluster mailbox location; or
  - f) within a designated Town Centre or Village Centre area.
5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned and funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.

Electoral Area “C”:

3. The Electoral Area “C” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2452, 2008, is amended by adding a new Section 19.6 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

## **19.6 Street Lighting**

The Regional District does not currently maintain a service area for street lighting within Electoral Area “C”. While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural communities and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these areas (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

### **19.6.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of designated Primary and Rural Growth Areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

### **19.6.2 Policies**

The Regional Board:

1. Strongly discourages the creation of new street lighting service areas outside of Primary and Rural Growth Areas.
2. Requires the establishment of a new street lighting service area occur through a formal assent process initiated by property owners living within an area currently un-served by street lighting.
3. Will assess requests seeking to create a new or expand an existing street lighting service area on the following criteria:
  - a) if the proposed service area is within a designated Primary or Rural Growth Area;
  - b) if there is a need to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety;
  - c) if neighbourhood support exceeds 66% of affected property owners representing more than 50% of the land value within the proposed boundaries of the service area; and
  - d) if street lights will promote economic development.
4. Will evaluate requests proposing the installation new street lighting within a service area administered by the Regional District against the following priority locations:
  - a) intersections;
  - b) adjacent to an existing educational facility;

- c) adjacent to an existing park;
  - d) a transit stop;
  - e) a cluster mailbox location; or
  - f) within a designated Town Centre or Village Centre area.
5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
  6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
  7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned and funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.
  8. Supports working with Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory (DRAO) to ensure that new street-lighting installations and upgrades within the DRAO Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) Area, as shown on Schedule ‘F’ of this bylaw, are compatible with Observatory operations.

#### Electoral Area “D”:

4. The Electoral Area “D” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2603, 2013, is amended by adding a new Section 20.6 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

#### **20.6 Street Lighting**

The Regional District currently maintains a service area for street lighting within the “Heritage Hills” community of Electoral Area “D”. It is understood that the Okanagan Falls Irrigation District (OFID) maintains a separate street lighting service area for the Okanagan Falls community.

While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural communities and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these areas (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

#### **20.6.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of designated Primary and Rural Growth Areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

## 20.6.2 Policies

The Regional Board:

1. Strongly discourages the creation of new street lighting service areas outside of Primary and Rural Growth Areas.
2. Requires the establishment of a new street lighting service area occur through a formal assent process initiated by property owners living within an area currently un-served by street lighting.
3. Will assess requests seeking to create a new or expand an existing street lighting service area on the following criteria:
  - a) if the proposed service area is within a designated Primary or Rural Growth Area;
  - b) if there is a need to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety;
  - c) if neighbourhood support exceeds 66% of affected property owners representing more than 50% of the land value within the proposed boundaries of the service area; and
  - d) if street lights will promote economic development.
4. Will evaluate requests proposing the installation new street lighting within a service area administered by the Regional District against the following priority locations:
  - a) intersections;
  - b) adjacent to an existing educational facility;
  - c) adjacent to an existing park;
  - d) a transit stop;
  - e) a cluster mailbox location; or
  - f) within a designated Town Centre or Village Centre area.
5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned and funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.

## Electoral Area “E”:

5. The Electoral Area “E” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2458, 2008, is amended by adding a new Section 21.1.6 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

### **21.1.6 Street Lighting**

The Regional District currently maintains an extensive street lighting service area within Electoral Area “E”, the actual physical extent of street lights within the community is limited to the Village Centre area and other assorted locations (i.e. intersections).

While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural areas and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these locations (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

#### **21.1.6.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of designated Primary and Rural Growth Areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

#### **21.1.6.2 Policies**

The Regional Board:

1. Strongly discourages the creation of new street lighting service areas outside of Primary and Rural Growth Areas.
2. Requires the establishment of a new street lighting service area occur through a formal assent process initiated by property owners living within an area currently un-served by street lighting.
3. Will asses requests seeking to create a new or expand an existing street lighting service area on the following criteria:
  - a) if the proposed service area is within a designated Primary or Rural Growth Area;
  - b) if there is a need to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety;

- c) if neighbourhood support exceeds 66% of affected property owners representing more than 50% of the land value within the proposed boundaries of the service area; and
  - d) if street lights will promote economic development.
4. Will evaluate requests proposing the installation new street lighting within a service area administered by the Regional District against the following priority locations:
    - a) intersections;
    - b) adjacent to an existing educational facility;
    - c) adjacent to an existing park;
    - d) a transit stop;
    - e) a cluster mailbox location; or
    - f) within a designated Town Centre or Village Centre area.
  5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
  6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
  7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned and funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.

Electoral Area “F”:

6. The Electoral Area “F” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2790, 2018, is amended by adding a new Section 19.8 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

**19.8 Street Lighting**

The Regional District currently maintains a street lighting service area for the Greater West Bench community of Electoral Area “F”, and includes lighting on major thoroughfares into the community (e.g. West Bench Hill Road) and at intersections.

While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural communities and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these areas (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in

the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

### **19.8.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of designated Primary and Rural Growth Areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

### **19.8.2 Policies**

The Regional Board:

1. Strongly discourages the creation of new street lighting service areas outside of Primary and Rural Growth Areas.
2. Requires the establishment of a new street lighting service area occur through a formal assent process initiated by property owners living within an area currently un-served by street lighting.
3. Will assess requests seeking to create a new or expand an existing street lighting service area on the following criteria:
  - a) if the proposed service area is within a designated Primary or Rural Growth Area;
  - b) if there is a need to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety;
  - c) if neighbourhood support exceeds 66% of affected property owners representing more than 50% of the land value within the proposed boundaries of the service area; and
  - d) if street lights will promote economic development.
4. Will evaluate requests proposing the installation new street lighting within a service area administered by the Regional District against the following priority locations:
  - a) intersections;
  - b) adjacent to an existing educational facility;
  - c) adjacent to an existing park;
  - d) a transit stop;
  - e) a cluster mailbox location; or
  - f) within a designated Town Centre or Village Centre area.
5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.



6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned and funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.

Electoral Area “H”:

7. The Electoral Area “H” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2497, 2012, is amended by adding a new Section 20.7 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

**20.7 Street Lighting**

The Regional District does not currently maintain a service area for street lighting within Electoral Area “H”.

While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural communities and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these areas (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

**20.7.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of existing settlement areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

**20.7.2 Policies**

The Regional Board:

1. Strongly discourages the creation of new street lighting service areas outside of existing settlement areas.
2. Requires the establishment of a new street lighting service area occur through a formal assent process initiated by property owners living within an area currently un-served by street lighting.
3. Will assess requests seeking to create a new or expand an existing street lighting service area on the following criteria:
  - a) if the proposed service area is within an existing settlement area;
  - b) if there is a need to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety;

- c) if neighbourhood support exceeds 66% of affected property owners representing more than 50% of the land value within the proposed boundaries of the service area; and
  - d) if street lights will promote economic development.
4. Will evaluate requests proposing the installation new street lighting within a service area administered by the Regional District against the following priority locations:
    - a) intersections;
    - b) adjacent to an existing educational facility;
    - c) adjacent to an existing park;
    - d) a transit stop;
    - e) a cluster mailbox location; or
    - f) within an existing settlement area.
  5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
  6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
  7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned are funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.

Electoral Area “I”:

8. The Electoral Area “I” Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2683, 2016, is amended by adding a new Section 20.8 (Street Lighting) to read as follows and renumbering all subsequent sections accordingly:

**20.6 Street Lighting**

The Regional District does not currently maintain a service area for street lighting within Electoral Area “I”.

While street lights can improve visibility and safety for pedestrians and traffic, particularly at intersections, the Plan Area is comprised of predominately rural communities and street lighting is seen to be incompatible with the character of these areas (e.g. loss of dark skies to light pollution).

Typically, there are two types of street lights used within the Regional District, being Overhead Street Lights, which is typically mounted to a utility pole and is in the form of a “cobra-head”. The other type is Ornamental Street Lights, which are independent, free-standing and serviced through underground wiring and tend to be “decorative”.

### **20.6.1 Objectives**

- .1 Discourage the creation of street lighting service areas outside of designated Primary and Rural Growth Areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Plan Area.

### **20.6.2 Policies**

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  - f) within a designated Town Centre or Village Centre area.
5. Supports the conversion of existing street lights to energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.
6. Supports new street lights being energy efficient fixtures in order to reduce maintenance, energy consumption costs and “sky glow”.

7. Supports the use of ornamental poles and fixtures that are owned and funded by the Regional District complying with approved fixtures and designs set within the Approved Products List under the subdivision servicing bylaw.
8. Supports working with Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory (DRAO) to ensure that new street-lighting installations and upgrades within the DRAO Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) Area, as shown on Schedule 'C' of this bylaw, are compatible with Observatory operations.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING held on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Board Chair

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Corporate Officer