

4. Streetlights

MOVER: Councillor Tang

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is recognized as an Age-friendly Community by the BC Government through an announcement on July 28, 2014, and the City is working toward seeking World Health Organization designation as an Age-friendly City;
2. The WHO Age-friendly Outdoor Spaces and Buildings checklist identifies good street lighting is an essential feature for Global Age-friendly Cities;
3. The Vancouver Transportation 2040 Plan indicates that insufficient pedestrian lighting can make some places feel less safe at night;
4. The Vancouver 2012 Pedestrian Safety Study reports that nearly half of all pedestrian collisions occurred between November and February as a result of the shorter days and longer nights. Strategies to address the issue of visibility, which is a key contributing factor in many pedestrian collisions, include installing and upgrading lighting at key intersections;
5. The Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee passed a motion to ask for improvements in the current procedures for reporting and responding to non-functioning streetlights and improvements in providing additional lights for areas with inadequate lighting;
6. Some residents living near streetlights have complained of glare and light pollution from over-illumination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct City Staff to provide an Information Memo on the following:

1. the current level of service for non-functioning streetlights,
2. progress made installing additional lighting to promote pedestrian safety in areas which pose higher risks,
3. emerging technologies that can help balance competing demands of high levels of lighting for pedestrian safety vs. those of lessened glare and light pollution on nearby residents.

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