DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS – edmonton.ca/decorativestreetlights

DECORATIVE STREETLIGHT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

The City covers the full cost to replace all streetlights with standard galvanized steel poles, LED lights and street address blades.

Decorative streetlights

- Communities can elect to pay for decorative streetlights as a local improvement.
- This process is the responsibility of your community (usually led by the community league.) Find your community league contact info at www.efcl.org.
- The community selects **one** design option for an Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Property owners pay the additional cost of the decorative streetlights, while the City will contribute the equivalent of the cost of the standard streetlights.

Decorative streetlight

Standard streetlight

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH AN EOI

1. Form a neighbourhood committee to help choose a streetlight design and gather support for the local improvement
2. Have a central hub of information and contact person/s where your neighbours can seek information (e.g. website, office in community league)
3. Organize a community meeting to share information
4. Have a local place within the community for documentation drop-off
5. In condominiums, ask permission to post information
6. Ensure your community contact person's voicemail is updated and checked regularly

Expression of Interest (EOI) Process

- The community league or property owners send **one** streetlight design to the City no later than **July 2** of the year prior to construction.
- The City sends an EOI package containing estimated costs to registered property owners on **September 1**.
- Property owners must return the EOI to the City by **November 15** to show their support.
- The City validates the signatures. If 50% +1 of property owners sign in support, the City initiates a Decorative Streetlight Local Improvement Bylaw.

Petitioning Against Decorative Streetlights

- Once property owners receive the local improvement tax notices in the mail, they have **30 days to petition against** the local improvement.
- The petition against must be signed by 50%+1 of property owners within the **entire neighbourhood** to defeat the local improvement.
- A valid petition against must include the signature of all titled owners. The titled owners' signatures must be witnessed and the witness must swear an affidavit before a Commissioner of Oaths.
- If the petition against fails, City Council will pass a Local Improvement Bylaw, and the decorative streetlights will be installed.

Deadlines

July 2: Send decorative streetlight option to City.
September 1: City sends EOI package to registered property owners.
November 15: Property owners return signed EOI to City.

These deadlines are firm. If the date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be on the following business day.

DECORATIVE POLE OPTIONS

Colour (powder coated)

Blue

Black

Dark Green

Decorative Arm – Newport, Scroll or Heritage

Newport

Scroll

Heritage

Pole – Octagonal (eight-sided) or fluted (multi-sided)

Octagonal

Fluted

Cost of Decorative Streetlights

The cost depends on the option selected, the borrowing finance rate, the number of streetlights, and the number of property owners sharing the expense.

Property owners may pay a one-time, lump sum payment or a property tax levy amortized over 15 years.

The exact cost for the local improvement will be included on your tax notice the year following the installation of the decorative streetlights.

Estimated Cost Chart

	Colour	Octagonal	Fluted
% Cost of decorative over standard poles	5%	15%	20%
One-time cash payment per metre of frontage	$6	$18	$24
Yearly rate per metre of frontage for 15 years	$.56	$1.68	$2.24
One-time cash payment for typical lot (50 ft)	$90	$270	$360
Yearly rate for 15 years for typical lot (50 ft)	$9	$27	$36

Decorative Street Address Blade Options

Decorative street address blades are an option if the decorative streetlights local improvement is successful. The City will cover the full cost of the street blades. A decorative blade options package will be forwarded to your neighbourhood's Decorative Streetlight Committee. Please contact them for more information.