

November 30, 2018

2 King Street
Saint John, NB E2L 1G2



City of Saint John
15 Market Square
Saint John, NB E2L 4L1

Dear Mayor, Councillors, and Staff of The City of Saint John:

The City street lights on King Street, Prince William Street and directly in front of City Hall operate on an "always on" basis. They have been constantly kept on since at least November 19, 2018, when I first noticed them. Please, turn the street lights off during the brightness that the day brings. It is unnecessary and wasteful from a cost and energy perspective to operate City street lights during the day.

One of Council's priorities for 2016-2020 is to be "Fiscally Responsible."¹ Granted, the non-operation of city-run lights during the day will achieve minimal savings. However, there are cost savings to be realized. I would think these cost savings would be quite easy to achieve, possibly at the flip of a switch.

Also, the City should demonstrate strong environmental stewardship. Turning off lights when they are not needed would achieve this.

Lastly, there are the optics involved. Saint John's fiscal situation is well known. It simply doesn't "look good" being wasteful on one hand, while trying to achieve cost savings and making cuts on the other.

Saint John is a beautiful city and prospects for growth remain strong. Please, demonstrate a commitment to fiscal discipline and environmental stewardship by turning *off* city-run street lights during daylight hours.

Saint John, I thank you very much.

Yours Sincerely,

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¹ <http://www.saintjohn.ca/site/media/SaintJohn/Updated%20Common%20Council%20Priorities%202016-2020%20English.pdf>