

# MEDIA RELEASE

City of Williams Lake



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### **BC Hydro Set to Begin Switch to Energy-Efficient Street Lights in Williams Lake**

The City of Williams Lake would like to inform residents of an upcoming street light replacement project being undertaken by BC Hydro in the community from April 19 to May 31.

The project will see the replacement of all BC Hydro high pressure sodium (HPS) street lights in Williams Lake with energy-efficient LEDs, estimated at approximately 850 lights. Each new light installation takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

While interruptions to service are expected to be minimal, the City would like to advise residents to use appropriate caution while BC Hydro crews are working along roadways. There may also be some short-term lane closures or other traffic controls in place throughout the duration of the project. BC Hydro does not expect the need for planned outages during the process.

The new LED lights will help improve public safety by increasing the visibility of sidewalks and roads at night, as well as reducing light pollution. The lights use approximately 50 per cent less energy, are more reliable, last three times longer (up to a 20-year lifespan) and have a lower environmental footprint.

LED street lights produce a whiter and more natural light than the orange light emitted from existing street lights.

The project in Williams Lake is part of an ongoing commitment from BC Hydro to replace all of its street lights across the province over the next three years with new LEDs.

For more information, or if you have inquiries, contact City of Williams Lake Municipal Services Coordinator Cindy Walters at [cwalters@williamslake.ca](mailto:cwalters@williamslake.ca) or 250.392.1784.

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