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MUNICIPAL LIGHTING

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***Streetlight inspection
and maintenance are
important to
community safety.***

We are concerned that many municipalities may be relying on citizen complaints to alert the municipality to the problem of burnt out lights.


Apparently, there are many areas where Ontario Hydro maintained the lighting, but recently they have terminated this maintenance service and municipalities

have contracted repair services to other parties.

When a claim is brought against a municipality, alleging negligence in their inspection procedures, the municipality will be in a tenuous position if their defence is that they rely on the risk management awareness of their citizens!

We urge all municipalities to adopt inspection procedures for streetlights and act swiftly to have burnt out lights repaired.

The lights are there for many good reasons and must be maintained to ensure that the area under their influence remains safe.

By inspecting your lights regularly and documenting inspections and repairs, you can avoid injury to members of your community and claims against your municipality. 

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