

January 14, 2025

Re: Item No. 15.3.1

HALIFAX

Park Lighting Strategy

Parks & Recreation
Policy & Planning

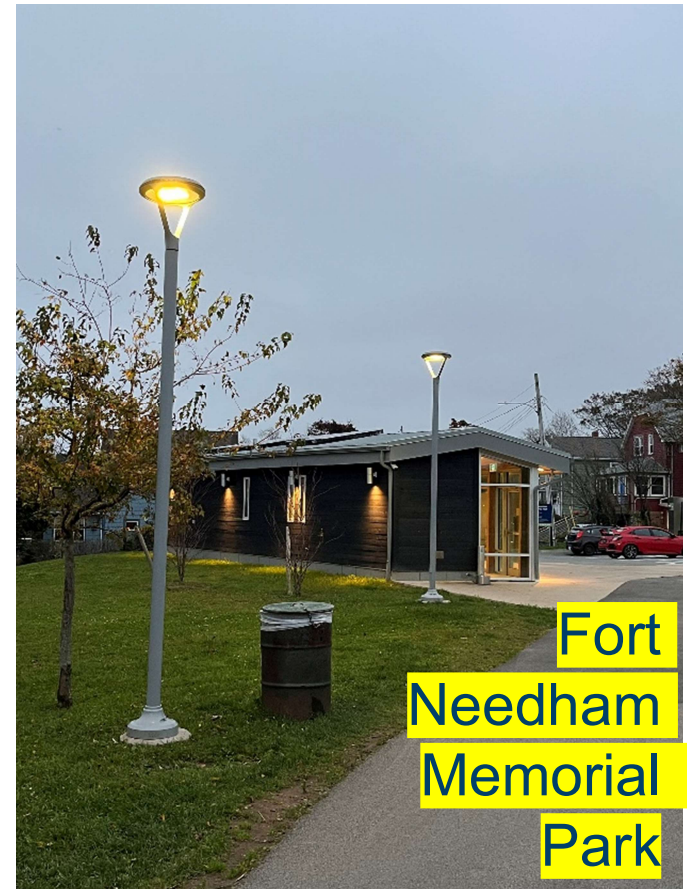


Origin

- June 8, 2021 Halifax Regional Council motion (Item Number 11.7.1) - Staff report request for developing a park lighting strategy
- August 23, 2022 Halifax Regional Council motion (Item No. 15.1.7) Scoping report to develop a strategy that guides the design and implementation of park lighting
- 2023/24 Parks & Recreation Business Plan

Background

- No formal process in place
- Expected component of public life
- Thoughtful and measured approaches are needed
- Enhance safety, security, overall enjoyment



Lighting Scenarios

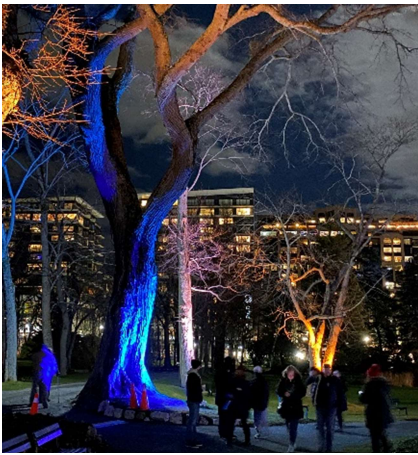
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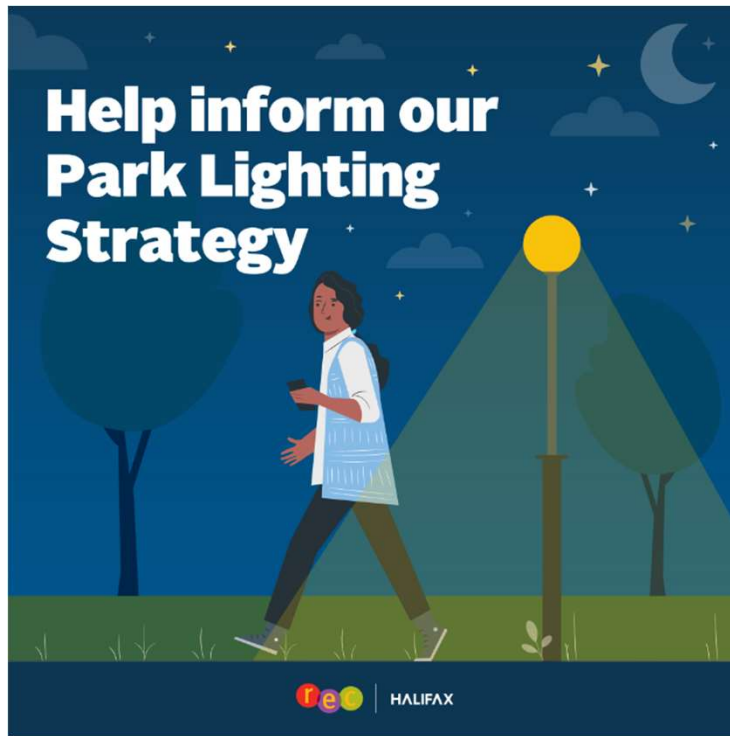
Facilities



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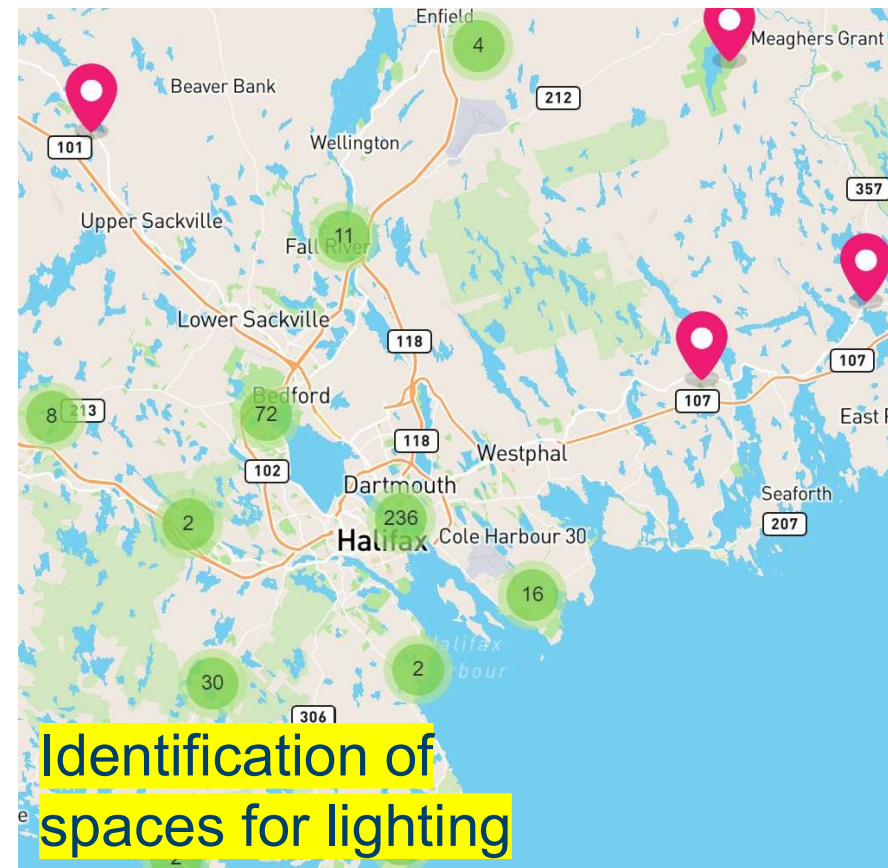
Public Engagement



- ‘Shape Your City’ program, May 15 - June 18, 2023
- 1,000 online participants
- Lived experience committees
- Internal & external stakeholders

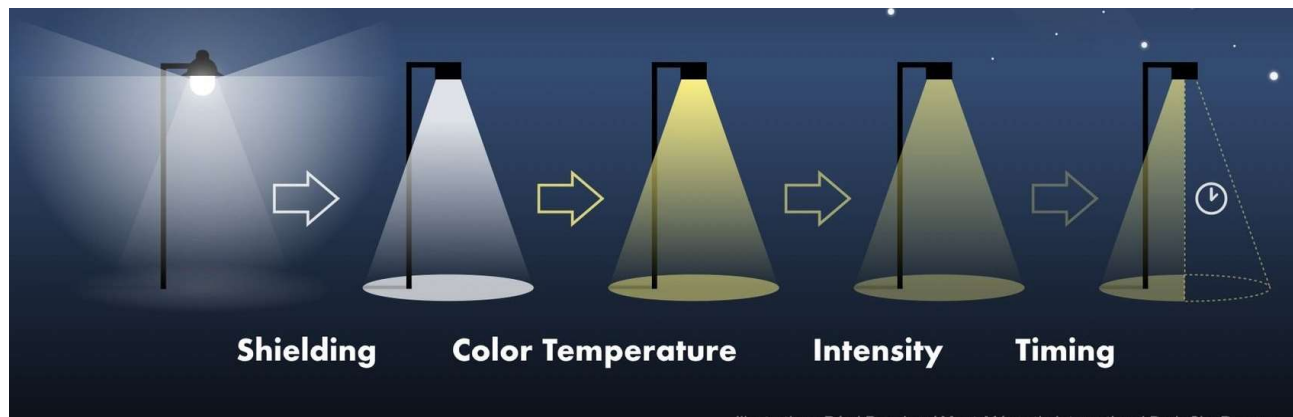
Public Engagement

- Park use after dark is limited
- Lighting improves park visitorship
- Attention needed for winter and shoulder season lighting
- Concern for interrupted human and environmental cycles
- Lighting effectiveness and efficiency is important



New Guidance for Lighting

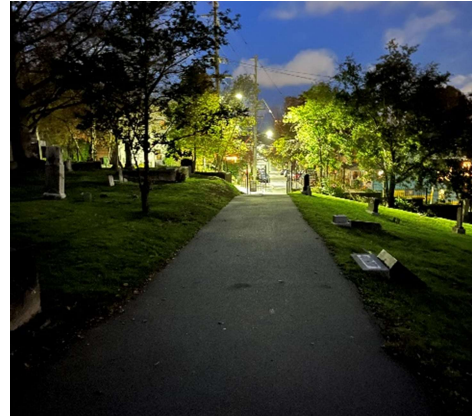
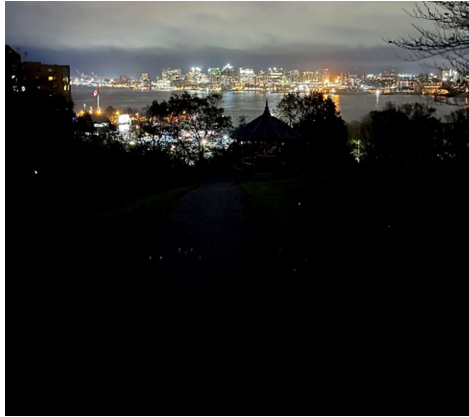
1. All new projects are to consider lighting
2. Existing spaces are to be evaluated as needed
3. Lighting should be high quality



Quality
lighting
considerations

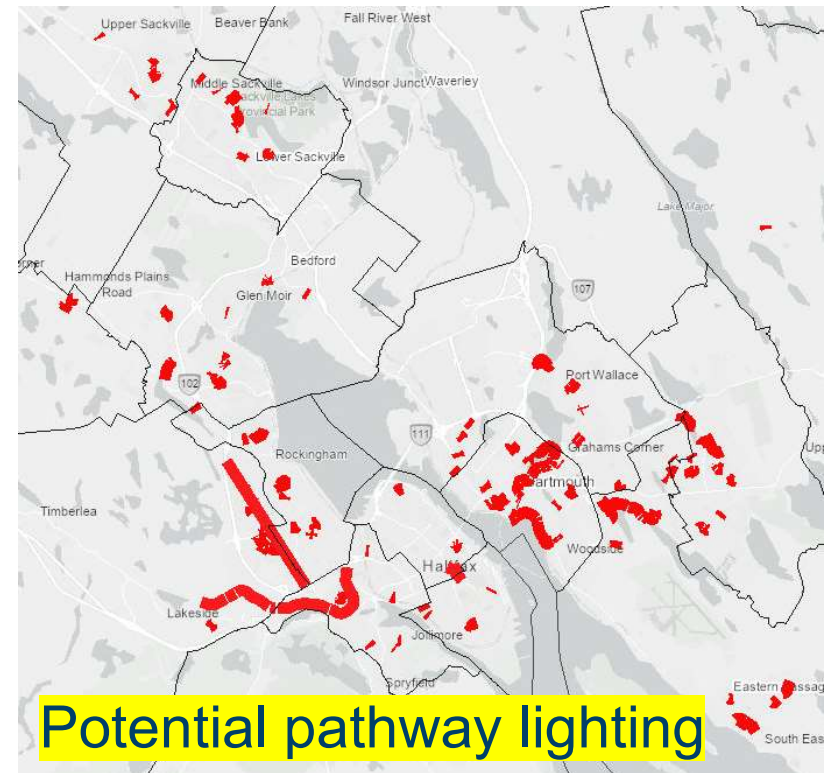
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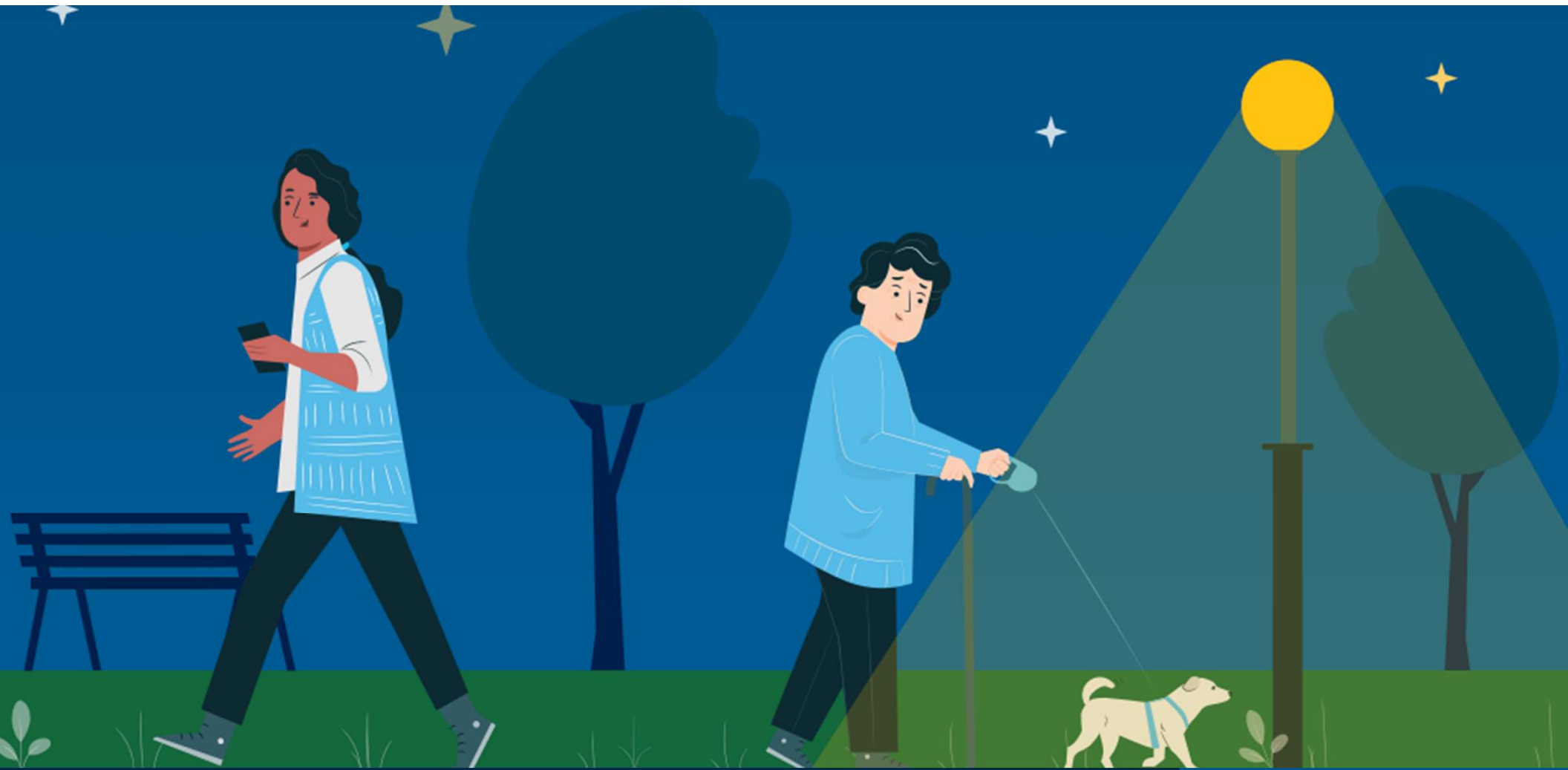
4. Emerging technologies will be monitored
5. A site analysis is a critical process
6. Park safety assessments help to understand space



Future Business Planning

- Policy change for park use
- Policy change for better alignment
- Development of a green book standard
- Capital planning





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