

August 4, 2020

Report To: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

From: Milt Strachan, Transportation Superintendent

Re: Letter of request from Ann McEwen – Public Safety Enhancements at the 1300 Block of Fifth Street East

I had an initial meeting over the phone with the member from the public on the Traffic Safety Committee, Dr. Robert Green, to discuss the request. We decided that we would each go on our own and have a look at the area in question in both the daylight hours and in the dark hours when you can see the affects of the surrounding lighting.

We then had a follow up Phone call to discuss our observations.

- 1) The street lighting is on every second pole which is consistent with the majority of residential areas in Fort Frances.
- 2) There is a light on the front of the pump house building and because of the well lit area around the Water Treatment Plant you can see all sides of the pump house except the west side which faces Ann's property.
- 3) There is already a street light at the end of Fifth Street at Colonization and the Water Front is one of the most well lit areas in the Town.
- 4) There are several devices and new technologies available for home owners to safe proof their properties as much as they see fit.
- 5) The bright lighting surrounding the Water Treatment Plant light up the front and east side of her property.
- 6) The foot traffic and bike traffic in the area is busy during the daylight hours and not all that busy after dark.
- 7) There have been no other complaints of the lack of lighting in this area.

We both respectfully agree that the incident at Ann's property is very unfortunate and can certainly understand being scared as a result of it. This can happen in any area of Fort Frances most of which has far less lighting than this area does. There are lanes running behind most residences that have no lighting at all and people put things like fences, security cameras, motion detecting lights or just permanent lighting on their properties for security and convenience. This is the responsibility/choice of the owner. We both feel that this is an isolated incident and that more lighting is not making the area any safer and it would be hard to say no to anybody else making the same request in almost any other area of the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,



Milt Strachan,
Transportation Superintendent