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Greetings Mayor and Council,

In 2015, Vancouver City Council directed staff to work to develop a healthy, safe, and energy efficient outdoor lighting strategy to control harmful lighting, standardize City practices, and reduce light pollution.

Lighting helps make our roadways and pedestrian pathways safe, enhances our public spaces, and helps us to enjoy our city at night. To meet the needs of residents and businesses, City staff are developing an Outdoor Lighting Strategy for Vancouver that will be presented to Council on September 18, 2018.

The strategy will provide direction on outdoor lighting for streets, public spaces, and private properties across the city.

The strategy is meant to achieve the following objectives:

- Improve public safety
- Enable accessible and inviting outdoor spaces
- Reduce light pollution
- Reduce energy usage and cost
- Minimize ecological impacts

#### What's Happening

- A public **consultation paper** on outdoor lighting. The consultation paper highlights the key issues around lighting and approaches the City could take to improve our lighting. The consultation paper will be seeking public feedback until June 12.
- Staff will be co-hosting a **public open house** on Saturday, June 2, at the Planetarium. The event is free and will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about light pollution and to provide input on the City's outdoor lighting strategy. Attendees will also be eligible to see a dark skies' themed show at the Planetarium that same evening for the discounted price of \$5.
- Staff will be **consulting with industry stakeholders**, including local builders and designers, over the next several weeks.
- An **online survey** will be issued through the Talk Vancouver platform to gather public input on outdoor lighting to help inform the City's outdoor lighting strategy. In addition, a **webpage** has been created which provides an overview of the outdoor lighting strategy and an opportunity to provide feedback by email.
- Here's more info as well: [www.vancouver.ca/outdoorlighting](http://www.vancouver.ca/outdoorlighting)

Best,  
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