

In recognition that many Canadian and Ontario cities and towns have developed outdoor lighting bylaws and/or developed policies for the benefit of their communities through conservation of energy, reduction of glare and light trespass it is

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

that

WHEREAS the City of London’s Advisory Committee on the Environment (“ACE”) recognizes that it is desirous to encourage and protect the night time dark skies through responsible city lighting policies and education of the public; AND

WHEREAS many cities have passed outdoor lighting ordinances and that having one can reduce glare and light trespass, while promoting energy conservation and healthier neighborhoods.

Notably the Town of Richmond Hills¹ which applies to all outdoor light fixtures erected, installed or used in the Town in conjunction with:

- commercial uses, including parking lots;
- industrial uses;
- institutional uses;
- recreational or athletic uses; or
- residential uses of five dwelling units or more on a single lot.; AND

WHEREAS ACE believes improperly managed urban and suburban exterior night time lighting is a form of *pollution* that:

- consumes excessive amounts of energy and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions;
- may have negative impact that interferes with the migratory and breeding patterns of certain wildlife; and
- in some situations, contributes to the creation of “glare” and other lighting conditions that create unsafe driving conditions particularly for older drivers; AND;

WHEREAS the International Dark Sky Alliance and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America have approved of a *Model Lighting Ordinance* (“MLO”) designed to help municipalities develop outdoor lighting standards that reduce glare, light trespass, and skyglow.²

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ACE strongly requests that the Planning and Environment Committee (“PEC”) direct City staff to develop recommendations for a City of London Bylaw dealing with the matter of light pollution and its related nuisances with reference to the MLO and other Ontario examples (Richmond Hill).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ACE strongly requests that PEC direct City staff within Planning, Transportation and any other yet to be identified departments to develop a set of operative guidelines regarding the proper use of exterior light for all existing and contemplated City of London facilities, being mindful of the MLO and other relevant Bylaws or Guidelines that are identified to be in use in other comparable Ontario communities.

¹ <http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/municipalcode/1050.pdf>

² <http://darksky.org/our-work/public-policy/mlo/>