

Why does it matter?

Light pollution impacts the behaviour of animals, fish and bugs, which impacts ecological health locally and nationally.

Reducing wasted lighting energy is an easy and crucial way for the City of London to reduce its carbon footprint, lessen light pollution and save money.

Other Ontario municipalities have implemented outdoor lighting ordinances to save energy costs and to preserve local bird species with positive results, and now London is doing the same.

The City of London's Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE), Environment and Ecological Protection Advisory Committee (EEPAC), and Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), encourage efforts to create bird friendly communities through reduced light pollution and increased dark skies.



Bird friendly skies help to:

- Preserve local bird species
- Reduce the number of birds colliding with buildings
- Conserve your home or office's energy
- Redirect light more effectively away from skies and reduces light pollution


Help take Climate Action

In 2019, London City Council declared a Climate Emergency. Adapting to a changing climate requires taking action to protect our natural, built and social environments. The climate emergency is a call to action to combat and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our impact on the environment.

New Lighting Design Criteria:

Through recent changes to the Site Plan Control By-law, development requiring Site Plan Approval (commercial and multi-family residential) are required to design and construct developments to do the following:

Direct lighting towards the area requiring illumination to reduce skyglow and light pollution which creates bird-friendly development

Provide full cut-off and have zero up lighting 

For questions on the new lighting criteria for Site Plan contact **Development Services** (519) 661-3500 DevelopmentService@london.ca



We can all work together to create a safer and more environmentally friendly experience for migrating birds.

Limiting our light at night, and transitioning to window treatments that stop birds from flying into buildings not only protects them, but cuts back on energy costs.

Did you know?

- 25 million birds die in Canada from crashing into windows each year.
- There are at least 23 bird species at risk that collide with buildings in Canada.
- In 2019, scientists reported a 29% decrease in birds since 1970.
- Visit birdsafecanada.ca for tips to protect birds at your home and office.

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london.ca/birdfriendly

London's Bird Friendly Skies

Save Energy.
Save Birds.



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