

Bright lights, safer city

(Penticton BC – July 16, 2018) – An improved sense of safety and better visual awareness are two of the objectives behind steps recently taken to improve lighting downtown. As one of several actions stemming from security and safety solutions being introduced by a working group comprised of the Downtown Penticton Association, the Chamber and the City, a variety of new lights are now making downtown's Main Street and nearby areas a brighter place to be after dark.

"The installation of additional and brighter lights is a proven method of bringing order to areas where, under poor lighting conditions, issues leading to nuisance behaviour, illegal activities and crime can take root", said Bylaw Supervisor, Tina Siebert. "By enhancing lighting levels downtown, which includes targeting key areas with specific types of light, a number of benefits are gained, including: encouraging a greater sense of safety within a specific space, discouraging antisocial behavior and enhancing natural awareness and knowledge of one's situation and surroundings".

As part of the lighting improvements, nighttime visitors to the downtown can expect to see:

- 10 Cobra head lights installed in the 200 and 300 blocks of the East and West lanes of Main St.
- Two Dusk-to-Dawn lights behind 363 and 224 Main St;
- 40 poles located in the 100, 200 & 300 blocks of Main St. wrapped with LED rope lighting;
- Upgraded light globes located at Nanaimo & Main St.

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