

LED Street Lighting Coming to a Street Near You

MISSISSAUGA, November 20, 2012 – Residents will soon notice a more natural white light illuminating their neighbourhoods and roadways as work crews begin converting street lights from traditional yellow-orange coloured lights to Light Emitting Diode (LED).

The City's conversion project began with the installation of a monitoring system that detects malfunctioning street lights multiple times a day and transmits this information wirelessly. This will be followed by the replacement of the light portion of 49,000 street lights from the old technology known as High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights to LED. The conversion project will continue until December 2014.

“The \$26 million investment should result in a 55 per cent reduction in future energy consumption and a significant reduction in maintenance costs for street lighting,” said Martin Powell, commissioner, Transportation and Works Department. “We are proud to be a leader in implementing this green technology and for being one of the first Canadian cities to have a citywide LED street light program.”

Martin added LED street lighting uses less energy, reduces harmful gas emissions and reduces sky glow because of a more even distribution of white light.

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