

## 2026 Development Agreement – Street Lighting Design Process Change

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The 2026 Standard Development Agreement (SDA) and its updated Terms and Conditions are now in effect. Development agreement requests for 2026 may be submitted for processing and execution.

To address safety concerns and inconsistency in design quality, Part 15 – Street Lighting, Walkway Lighting and Reserve Pathway Lighting, has been updated. Specifically, 15.01 states:

*Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Director, Mobility, the Developer must arrange for The City to design all public street lighting and electrical infrastructure required within the Development Area, as well as outside the Development Area as may be required as a condition of subdivision or development approval or as otherwise required by this Agreement.*

*Notwithstanding that The City shall design all street lighting and electrical infrastructure, the Developer shall be responsible for all design costs. For clarity, The City utilizes a cost recovery model in respect of all design costs.*

The City of Calgary considers 2026 a ‘transition year’. This means that while developers are encouraged to use The City Streetlight team, developers may continue to request approval to use third-party design consultants for street lighting design. In accordance with existing procedures, these requests will be reviewed by the City Streetlight team.

A [Notice of Planned Procurement \(NPP\)](#) was issued on February 5, 2026, noting “The City of Calgary intends to issue a Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) to engage three (3) qualified engineering firms for street lighting & electrical record analysis, field investigation, planning, design, construction documentation and construction administration.”

The City of Calgary will facilitate workshops with the Streetlight Team and industry members, including existing third-party consultants to identify root causes, develop design quality improvements and streamline process systems to address safety and ongoing maintenance requirements. The purpose is to refine and confirm the 2027 approach to Street Lighting in the 2027 Standard Development Agreement. Workshops and solutions should conclude prior to March 15, 2026 to avoid any delay with the RFSO and City Streetlight capital projects. The targeted RFSO posting date is March 15, 2026.

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