

## Edith Watson

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**From:** Aniko Nelson  
**Sent:** June 22, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** Edith Watson  
**Cc:** Tom Yates  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Documents - Granite Bay Light

Hi Edie,

Thank you for following up. Jacob has advised that this was all done verbally.

Thank you!

A.

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**From:** Edith Watson <EWatson@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** June 22, 2021 8:59 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Cc:** Tom Yates <TYates@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Documents - Granite Bay Light

Hi Aniko,

Further to the documents that Community Services provided, I have noted through my review of those documents that there are references noted that point to possible further documents that are not included as follows:

- Quotes from electrician for light installation.
- Contract for light installation (if any)

Please provide any documents pertaining to my observations above as soon as possible.

Thank you



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**From:** Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>  
**Sent:** June 15, 2021 4:29 PM  
**To:** Edith Watson <[EWatson@srd.ca](mailto:EWatson@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Documents - Granite Bay Light

Hi Edie,

Please find attached the FOI documents provided by Jacob.

Thank you!

A.

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**From:** Jacob Blanchard <[jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca)>  
**Sent:** June 15, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: FOI Documents - Granite Bay Light

Hi Aniko,

Here are the emails, reprinted in portrait. Please let me know if this works, or if you need anything else.

Thanks,  
Jacob



**Jacob Blanchard**

**Parks & Facilities Technician**

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**From:** Edith Watson  
**Sent:** June 1, 2021 10:57 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson; Wolfgang Parada; David Leitch  
**Cc:** Tom Yates  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Records

**Importance:** High

Good morning,

Further to my email below, this Request for Records was finalized and a response sent to the applicant based on the records provided by directors and staff. The applicant responded indicating many records that may have been missed as follows:

"I wrote directly to Mr. Leitch on seven occasions and copied him on others. Specifically, I wrote to him on March 26th, 17th and 9th, and on February 24th, 18th, and 17th and January 11th. He replied to none of my correspondence but appears to have forwarded it to Ms. Nelson, because I received responses - but not replies - from her to my notes to Mr. Leitch on February 18th and March 18th. Because these were written notes, there was clearly some communication taking place on these issues between Mr. Leitch, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Blanchard in order that they could respond for one another.

Cape Mudge Boat Works and Quadra Island Electric were contracted to install the lights and make other modifications to the wharf. You appear not have found a record of their contracts or of any direction or communications with them concerning the contracts. Neither do you appear to have found any requests or approvals for the work to be done.....

..... There was no budgetary provision for this work, so there must have been a decision process that allowed it. I would like to know what that decision process was and why I was stonewalled on it. That information is somewhere."

Section 4 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) says that any person, who makes a request under section 65, has a right of access to any record in the custody or under control of a public body save those that may be legally withheld from public disclosure. As described in Schedule 1 of the Act "Records includes books, documents, maps, drawings, photographs, letters, vouchers, papers and any other thing on which information is recorded or stored by graphic, electronic, mechanical or other means, but does not include a computer program or any other mechanism that produces records." ie – a board report is a record but the word processing program used to produce the report is not.

I understand that this process is time consuming and onerous, however we are obligated to produce all records in the custody and control of the Regional District. If the applicant chooses to file a complaint with the OIPC the process will become even more time consuming and will involve the Board.

Please review your departments records and emails once again to determine if any there were any records missed related to this request and forward to me no later than Tuesday June 8, 2021.

Thank you



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**From:** Edith Watson  
**Sent:** April 13, 2021 11:51 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>; Wolfgang Parada <[wparada@srd.ca](mailto:wparada@srd.ca)>; David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>  
**Cc:** Tom Yates <[TYates@srd.ca](mailto:TYates@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** Request for Records

Good morning,

Re: Request for records – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Corporate Services is currently responding to a FIPPA request for records. Accordingly, please provide the requested hard copy documents and/or links to all electronic records on or before Monday, May 3, 2021. Once collected, Corporate Services will be reviewing and severing, if applicable, prior to providing a response to the applicant. Please contact Tom or myself without delay to address any questions or concerns you may have. The applicant's request is summarized below for your reference:

Copies of all documentation concerning lighting on the Granite Bay wharf and in the adjacent Granite Bay Park, including but not limited to:

- all electronic mail;
- correspondence;
- briefing notes;
- contractual arrangements;
- specifications, drawings, directives;
- approvals and budgetary provisions.

Thank you for your assistance.



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## Aniko Nelson

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**From:** Aniko Nelson  
**Sent:** March 29, 2021 11:07 AM  
**To:** Jacob Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf . . . still

Hi Jacob,

Just an FYI 😊

A.

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**From:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** March 26, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf . . . still

We are working on it!

A.

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**From:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2021 9:35:40 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf . . . still

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**From:** Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>  
**Sent:** March 26, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Cc:** Jim Abram ([jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)) <[jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)>; Brad Unger <[bunger@srd.ca](mailto:bunger@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf . . . still

I have now written to you eleven times, Mr. Leitch. While you have answered not at all, you twice asked Ms. Nelson to reply. She replied, but did not answer my question. On each occasion, I followed up asking the same question. She did not reply.

I am unaware of any provisions of the *Security of Information Act* or the *Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act* that apply to regional district wharves or parks. That being the case, I cannot understand why a public body, like the regional district, should be so coy about such a simple, tax-payer's question.

There have been three boats at the wharf for a couple of months. None have them moved at night and only one - once - moved during the day. But the street lights remain lit all night, every night.

Once again, my question is, 'What, if anything, does the regional district plan to do about its street lights in Granite Bay. If a change is planned, when will it happen?'

I trust that, on this occasion, you may offer a complete and fulsome reply.

Ted Hayes  
Granite Bay

Mar 17, 2021, 21:05 by [ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com):

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Granite Bay

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**From:** Ted Hayes <ted.hayes@tutanota.com>  
**Sent:** March 18, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Cc:** Jim Abram; Brad Unger; Jacob Blanchard  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf

Thank you for the response that your CAO appears unable to make, Ms. Nelson.

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Granite Bay

Mar 18, 2021, 09:55 by ANelson@srd.ca:

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Thank you for your ongoing understanding.

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**From:** Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>

**Date:** March 17, 2021 at 9:05:31 PM PDT

**To:** David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>

**Cc:** "Jim Abram ([jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca))" <[jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)>, Brad Unger <[bunger@srd.ca](mailto:bunger@srd.ca)>

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**Re: FW: Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf**

Ted Hayes &lt;ted.hayes@tutanota.com&gt;

Thu 3/18/2021 4:09 PM

To: Aniko Nelson &lt;ANelson@srd.ca&gt;

Cc: Jim Abram &lt;jabram@srd.ca&gt;; Brad Unger &lt;bunger@srd.ca&gt;; Jacob Blanchard &lt;jblanchard@srd.ca&gt;


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Granite Bay

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**From:** David Leitch  
**Sent:** March 18, 2021 6:58 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Subject:** Fwd: Street Lights at Granite Bay Wharf

I'm tired of hearing from this guy

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ted Hayes <ted.hayes@tutanota.com>  
**Date:** March 17, 2021 at 9:05:31 PM PDT  
**To:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Cc:** "Jim Abram (jimabram@xplornet.ca)" <jimabram@xplornet.ca>, Brad Unger <bunger@srd.ca>  
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**From:** Ted Hayes <ted.hayes@tutanota.com>  
**Sent:** February 19, 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Cc:** David Leitch  
**Subject:** RE: Light Pollution

Thank you for responding to my previously unanswered correspondence, Ms. Nelson. I appreciate you have taken your evening time to address it.

Although I agree that the Dark Sky Policy applies to the OCP Bylaw 3050 and other OCPs, it is not, as you suggest, 'limited' to it. That is, the policy *includes* official community plans, but it does not *exclude* areas without an OCP. It makes no sense that it would. Indeed, because of the importance of darkness for natural ecosystems, it could be argued that light pollution is potentially a greater problem in rural than developed areas. The International Dark Sky Association, from which the Dark Sky Policy originates, has highlighted the importance of such natural darkness.

Nor is Granite Bay wharf a transportation installation. As part of a park and for the exclusive use of recreational boaters, it is a recreational facility. Recreational facilities, both public and private, are specifically *included* in the policy. Industrial or commercial use is specifically *excluded* from the park.

Even in the peak of summer, the wharf is not heavily used. It has existed without lighting for the decade and a half since local volunteer labour built it and private funds paid for it. On the other hand, the wharf at Hoskyn Channel is not part of a park; was built by the regional district; has unrestricted use; has much more traffic; and has heavily-used parking. Yet the regional district has not seen fit to install any lighting at the wharf there.

In so saying, I am not advocating that Granite Bay wharf should have no lighting. I am simply saying that the existing lights amount to light trespass on our property and unreasonable lighting of the bay, sky and natural surroundings. Light trespass has well-established effects on both physical and environmental health. And, while arguments have been made for lighting as a crime deterrent, the evidence suggests the opposite. Property crimes increase with increased lighting. As the nearest neighbour to the wharf, those likely increases concern me.

Obtrusive light and light pollution is caused by light trespass, sky glow and glare. The Province has specifically addressed it in the *Electrical and Traffic Engineering Manual* of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Light pollution is also an established public nuisance and is subject to civil litigation.

I have said it from the outset. If lighting is required at the Granite Bay Park, it should be low intensity, locally directed light that is triggered by good infrared motion detectors. It is not necessary or desirable to light up the whole bay and our adjacent private properties. It is certainly not necessary to have it lit all night as it now is. Such low-intensity lighting costs less to operate; reduces power consumption; and interferes less with the natural environment in which we live. I am amazed that the regional district should be so intent upon it.

In short, I believe that the lighting presently installed at the Granite Bay Park constitutes light trespass, sky glow and glare. It is a public nuisance that is contrary to the regional district's own Dark Sky Policy. It has now been two months since I raised this matter and I have since had little satisfaction. I believe it is time that the problem was remedied.

Ted Hayes  
Granite Bay

Feb 18, 2021, 20:17 by ANelson@srd.ca:

Good Evening Mr. Hayes,

Thank you for your email regarding the SRD's Dark Sky Policy.

I am pleased to advise that SRD staff are fully aware of the Dark Sky Policy - its Purpose, Scope and Guiding Principle. The policy is limited to commercial, industrial and multi-family residential developments that are located in Electoral Areas where an Official Community Plan has designated Development Permit Areas (DPA) for such types of development

In light of this, and with reference to Quadra Island, the policy would apply to those DPA's within OCP Bylaw No. 3050, designated as Seniors Housing, Commercial and Industrial.

The policy does not apply to other land uses, including public wharves, which is further addressed in the specific exclusion for transportation installations as referenced in the section below:

10.a.iv "Navigational and general life safety lighting systems required at airports and other transportation installations."

I trust the above addresses the content of your email.

Thank you.

Best,



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**From:** Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>

**Sent:** February 18, 2021 10:21 AM

**To:** David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>

**Subject:** Light Pollution

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Ted Hayes

Granite Bay

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**From:** Aniko Nelson  
**Sent:** February 19, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** David Leitch  
**Subject:** RE: Light Pollution

Thank you. However, I suspect this is not the end of Mr. Hayes and his 'light issue' 😊

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**From:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** February 19, 2021 10:29 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Light Pollution

Very nice, thanks

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**From:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** February 18, 2021 8:18 PM  
**To:** [ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)  
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**Re: Light Pollution**

Jacob Blanchard &lt;jblanchard@srd.ca&gt;

Thu 2/18/2021 3:47 PM

To: Aniko Nelson &lt;ANelson@srd.ca&gt;

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Dark Sky Brochure.pdf;

Hi Aniko,

It appears that Mr. Hayes has provided the correct policy. The only other relevant document I was able to dig up was the attached dark sky brochure, which references the policy. I also reviewed the Quadra OCP which references the dark sky policy as well.

In my review of the policy, I note that it is dated Dec 13, 2007 indicating that it was enacted under the CSRD and I would assume it to still be applicable to the SRD.

The Policy's Purpose, Scope and Guiding Principle all confirm that the policy is applicable to commercial, industrial and multi-family residential developments that are located in Electoral Areas whose Official Community Plan has designated Development Permit Areas for these types of development. On Quadra, under bylaw No. 3050 this would include the Seniors Housing DPA, Commercial DPA and Industrial DPA. It would appear that the policy does not apply to the Granite Bay wharf.

The only statement in the Policy that I can see as being potentially viewed as applicable (if you disregard the above paragraph) is:

7.b "No outdoor recreational facility, whether public or private, shall be illuminated after sundown except when the facility is in use. Outdoor lighting is encouraged to be on only when the field is in use, such as by a user pass activation system."

There is also one exception to the policy that may apply in this case:

10.a.iv "Navigational and general life safety lighting systems required at airports and other transportation installations"

Let me know if I can clarify anything regarding the policy.

Policy aside, I have been giving this situation some thought and had a discussion with Murray, which I've been meaning to discuss with you. Murray and I had discussed a few potential options to help alleviate Mr. Hayes's concerns, which included:

- Moving the landward facing light into the parking area, which would provide better shielding of the light by the surrounding trees. This would have an added benefit of lighting up the parking area and boat ramp more effectively. Murray indicated this would be relatively easy to accomplish and estimated a cost of approximately \$700-800 to do so.
- We could also have Murray add a shield/hood to the lights for better conformance with dark sky guidelines. The existing cover on the light does not shield the light at all.
- Murray was going to discuss the option of adding a dimmer with the electrician.

- We also still have the option to replace the lights with a set of dimmer lights that are motion activated, but this also presents the issue of the lights going on and off throughout the night, not being as bright/effective, which may cause other issues/concerns as well. There was some concern noted from Brian and Murray to this regard.

If we have the desire and budget to make any changes, my recommendation would be to pursue the first two bullets. The third bullet, if possible, I suspect would come at a small additional cost to install, if we wanted that as well.

Give me a shout if you want to discuss in more detail today.

Jacob



**Jacob Blanchard**  
**Parks & Facilities Technician**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:08 PM  
**To:** Jacob Blanchard <[jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Light Pollution

Hi Jacob,

As per our conversation, below is the email from Ted Hayes that I need to respond to.

Thank you.

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**From:** David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>  
**Sent:** February 18, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>  
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Aniko,  
Would you mind replying to this gentleman.

Thanks

Dave

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6/15/2021

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**Subject:** FW: Light Pollution  
**Attachments:** 5-planning\_darkskypolicy.pdf

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Over to you

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I have previously copied you on my correspondence on this matter, Mr. Leitch. I have yet to hear back. However, I have done some background work on the matter.

For reasons that are not clear, the regional district's *Dark Sky Policy* is not on the district's website. However, it is possible to infer it from other bylaws, to wit, *Bylaws 3050* and *2224*. These bylaws refer directly to the constraints on exterior lighting.

### *Bylaw 3050*

#### 4. (xiv) Exterior Lighting:

- > Lighting used to illuminate any building, path or parking area should be arranged such that direct light will not illuminate the sky or onto adjoining properties as per the ***Dark Sky policy*** [my italics] of the Regional District. Lighting levels shall be kept to the minimum necessary for safety.
- > All outdoor fixtures must be full cut-off, down-light type.
- > Wherever possible, outdoor lighting shall be controlled by motion sensors so that it operates only when needed.

### *Bylaw 2224*

#### 3) c) v) Exterior Lighting

- 1) Lighting used to illuminate buildings, paths, or parking areas should be situated such that direct light will not illuminate the sky or onto adjoining properties/uses as per the Regional District's ***Dark Sky policy*** [my italics].
- 2) All outdoor fixtures must be full cut-off, down-light in nature.
- 3) Walkways, gangways and piers should have pedestrian-scale lighting, but the lighting should be shielded so as to not affect marine navigation.
- 4) Where possible, the control of outdoor lighting by motion sensors is encouraged

What is clear, and what was the reason that I initially raised this issue, is that the lights on the Granite Bay wharf are lighting up my adjoining property, the sky around it and the whole of the bay.

It is also noteworthy that the *Dark Sky policy* appears to suggest the use of motion detectors to reduce the time and energy used by exterior lights. I know that some argument has been advanced that motion detectors may be ineffective insofar as (a) they may not have sufficient range to detect motion on the whole wharf and (b) they may be subject to triggering by wind and/or wave motion. While both these issues can be a problem, neither need be if they are properly installed. *Good* infrared detectors are only triggered by heat. In other words, only moving people and animals will set them off. The problem of range can be overcome simply by wiring detectors in series.

There are many ways to reduce the amount and direction of light emanating from exterior lights. I am sure you will be aware some of them. They can be placed nearer to the ground. They can be shielded. Their output can be reduced. I am sure that list is not definitive, but all could be applied in this case.

What I do know is that the lights are on all night, every night. Although there may have been discussions about them, nothing has been done in the meantime to mitigate the problem. It appears to me that the default solution for complying with the *Dark Sky policy* is **not** to leave the lights on if and until a solution is found.

I raised this issue two months ago. I think a remedy, if only an interim one, is now in order.

I trust that I can now expect a remedy and/or a reply.

Ted Hayes  
Granite Bay

## Aniko Nelson

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**From:** Aniko Nelson  
**Sent:** February 8, 2021 10:26 AM  
**To:** David Leitch  
**Subject:** RE: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Hi Dave,

I appreciate the response you provided.

A.

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**From:** David Leitch  
**Sent:** February-08-21 8:56 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Granite Bay Wharf Light

FYI

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**From:** David Leitch  
**Sent:** February 8, 2021 8:46 AM  
**To:** [jimabram@explornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@explornet.ca)  
**Cc:** [bunger@goldriver.ca](mailto:bunger@goldriver.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Director Abram,

This is really a nonsense argument. I could list for you literally dozens of risk and safety issues that have changed for all of us over the years where decisions to implement risk mitigation were independent of areas that have not seen incident. I should note that these recommendations came from a contractor on the Island that you have frequently recommended to staff.

Once it has become a risk and liability concern, we as staff are obligated to address the issue in an effort to avoid negligence. If you still feel the light is unnecessary to address risk and safety then you are always free to bring the item to the Board and see if they will either accept the liability or transfer it to the Electoral Area if possible.

Thanks

Dave

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**From:** Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>  
**Sent:** February 7, 2021 10:08 PM  
**To:** Jacob Blanchard <[jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca)>  
**Cc:** Jim Abram ([jimabram@explornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@explornet.ca)) <[jimabram@explornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@explornet.ca)>; David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Granite Bay Wharf Light

I received your note below more than three weeks ago, Mr. Blanchard. The light remains on all night, every night.

Although I fully understand the desire for a safe and secure wharf, I am unaware of any event in more than a decade where lack of light caused a safety or security issue. I am, however, aware of unresolved and ongoing safety incidents

arising from lack of emergency communications from there. Those incidents have been quite independent of lighting, but have been life-threatening.

I do have safety and security concerns with the light, however. Its presence in this remote location is likely to encourage strangers to use the park for matters other than boating. It seems entirely likely that, as the park's nearest neighbour, such events may put my own comfort and security at risk.

I might also note that there appear to be no such lights at any other regional district park on this island, including those with parking lots and waterfront access. The community hall has street lights in its parking lot which may, or may not, have been placed by the regional district. Main Lakes Provincial Park, which is somewhat less remote but has many more boaters than Granite Bay, seems not to need safety lights.

I have already dealt with my other reasons for objecting to the lights. As the regional district does not seem to be expediting its undertaking, I would appreciate your dowsing the lights until another, more satisfactory solution can be found.

Ted Hayes  
Granite Bay

Jan 15, 2021, 11:57 by [jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca):

Hello Mr. Hayes.

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I am hopeful that the new setup will resolve your concerns.

Regards,  
Jacob



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**From:** Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2021 9:36 AM  
**To:** Jacob Blanchard <[jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca)>; David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>  
**Cc:** Jim Abram ([jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)) <[jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)>  
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Granite Bay

Jan 14, 2021, 10:43 by [ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com):

As I have no idea how long your discussions might take, I would appreciate your turning the light off in the interim, Mr. Blandchard.

Ted Hayes  
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Jan 12, 2021, 13:49 by [jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca):

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If you would like to discuss your concerns any further, please give me a call at my number listed below.

Thanks for your patience as we try to resolve this issue.

Jacob

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## Re: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Ted Hayes <ted.hayes@tutanota.com>

Fri 1/15/2021 12:37 PM

To: Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>

Cc: Jim Abram (jimabram@xplornet.ca) <jimabram@xplornet.ca>; David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>

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The wharf has been operating for more than a decade without any lights at all. Could it not operate for a while longer without them?

Ted Hayes

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**Re: Granite Bay Wharf Light**

Jim Abram <jimabram@explornet.ca>

Fri 1/15/2021 12:02 PM

To: Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>

Hi Jacob

Thanks very much for keeping me informed. It is so refreshing!

I do have a suggestion if you'd like to hear it.

May I phone you?

Thanks again

Jim

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse my fat fingered response

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## Aniko Nelson

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**From:** David Leitch  
**Sent:** January 15, 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Subject:** RE: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Seems like that may make everyone happy

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**From:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** January 15, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Hi Dave,

Although I believe the SRD has the full authority to retain the current light that was installed, given the level of persistence that Mr. Hayes has over this issue, are you wanting us to switch the light to a motion sensor light?

Thank you.

A.

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**From:** David Leitch  
**Sent:** January-15-21 9:45 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Granite Bay Wharf Light

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**Fw: Granite Bay Wharf Light**

Jacob Blanchard &lt;jblanchard@srd.ca&gt;

Thu 1/14/2021 2:30 PM

To: Aniko Nelson &lt;ANelson@srd.ca&gt;

Hi Aniko,

Please see the correspondence between myself and Ted Hayes regarding the light. As we discussed, he has included Dave and Director Abram in his latest request to have the light turned off. I have not responded to his request.

As well, I wanted to mention the Director called Murray at Cape Mudge Boatworks to further discuss the matter (Murray mentioned this to me when we spoke yesterday).

Let me know if any further action is needed on my part in terms of communicating with Mr. Hayes.

Thank you.



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**Re: Granite Bay wharf light****Brian Warner** <brian.rw@hotmail.com>

Thu 1/14/2021 4:17 PM

**To:** Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>

Hi Jacob,

My wife says good. Ted won't bother me as he knows these decisions aren't made at my level.

On Jan 14, 2021, at 2:33 PM, Jacob Blanchard &lt;jblanchard@srd.ca&gt; wrote:

Hi Brian,

Aniko has told me she wants the light left on. I hope Ted doesn't pester you too much about this.

Murray is looking into some replacement options, so hopefully we can move past this issue soon.

Thanks for your help.

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**From:** Brian Warner <brian.rw@hotmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 10:11 AM**To:** Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>**Subject:** Re: Granite Bay wharf light

Good morning Jacob,  
I haven't seen any difference at all from our place.  
Brian

On Jan 11, 2021, at 10:09 AM, Jacob Blanchard &lt;jblanchard@srd.ca&gt; wrote:

Hi Brian,

Just curious if the light adjustment made any noticeable difference for better or worse?

Thanks,

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**From:** Brian Warner <[brian.rw@hotmail.com](mailto:brian.rw@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020 11:52 AM

**To:** Jacob Blanchard <[jblanchard@srd.ca](mailto:jblanchard@srd.ca)>

**Subject:** Granite Bay wharf light

Hi Jacob,

I just had a visit from my neighbour Ted Hayes who lives next to the park. He is going to call Jim Abram and voice a concern that the light affects his night view over the bay. He suggests a motion detector.

As a representative of the SRD I remained neutral and listened to his concerns. I explained as best I could that safety was a major part of the reasoning behind the lights installation. I suggested that he phone your office but he thought it better that he phone Jim.

My wife Lilian also wants to input her opinion as a resident that she appreciates having the light for safety but also for security when our boat is parked at the wharf.

Personally, while I can see the reflection in the water from the light, it allows me to see who comes and goes at the wharf from my windows and being from Nanaimo the light really isn't a bother to me. I don't see a way of having a motion detector cover the whole wharf area unless there are multiple sensors positioned along the length of the walkway and the wharf. At present the light even benefits people walking in some areas of the parking lot and the boat ramp and to retain this benefit, motion sensors would also need to be placed there. This sounds like a very expensive alternative.

Cheers

Brian

## Aniko Nelson

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**From:** Aniko Nelson  
**Sent:** January 14, 2021 3:12 PM  
**To:** David Leitch  
**Subject:** FW: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Hi Dave,

As you were cc'd on the latest email from Ted Hayes, I should inform you that I have not provided authorization for the light to be turned off. We have our contractor looking into a new light option (different lamp, hood and motion censor) in hopes of mitigating some of the concerns expressed by Mr. Hayes. Should you wish to have the light turned off in the interim, please advise.

Also, I should advise that the Director reached out directly to our contractor to make suggestions for the light as indicated in the email from Jacob below.

Thank you.

A.

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**From:** Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** January 14, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Granite Bay Wharf Light

Hi Aniko,

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**From:** Jacob Blanchard  
**Sent:** January 14, 2021 2:17 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Subject:** Re: Granite Bay light

Hi Aniko,

Yes, you are correct, Murray is acting upon my direction, based on the discussion him and I had yesterday. I will let you know once I hear back from Murray, and I will inform Ted about the decision to keep the light on.

Thank you.



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**From:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:53 PM  
**To:** Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Granite Bay light

Hi Jacob,

Thank you for this. I trust Murray is looking at other options under the direction of SRD staff and not the Area Director. As we are looking into other options, I believe it is justified to keep the light on until we have a replacement. Perhaps connect back with Murray Monday of next week for an update.

Thank you.

A.

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**From:** Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>  
**Sent:** January 14, 2021 8:58 AM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** Granite Bay light

Good morning,

I spoke with Murray yesterday about the light. He told me Jim Abram had phoned him to discuss the issue as well. Murray is going to look into other lighting options, something a little dimmer/less bright and with a

better hood, as well as motion sensors. He also indicated he could probably use the existing light on another project, so we wouldn't be paying for two lights.

So, it seems like it would be a relatively quick job to change out the light with something different.

Ted Hayes responded to my email, indicating that he didn't want to discuss the matter further as he feels he's voiced his concerns sufficiently. He asked that we turn the light off in the meantime.

What do you think?

Thanks!



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**From:** David Leitch  
**Sent:** January 12, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Subject:** RE: Light at Granite Bay Wharf

Perfect thanks. It's hard to imagine that one light can be that intrusive to so many large, spread out properties.

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I have asked Jacob to telephone Ted to discuss his concerns and advise that the SRD is giving due consideration.

The light has a shield and is not of high wattage, so the only thing that may make a difference out of the options presented is to have it on a motion sensor. We are looking into options, in case this is something that is determined to be necessary.

Thank you.

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**Sent:** January-11-21 6:27 PM  
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Tue 1/12/2021 4:01 PM

To: Jacob Blanchard &lt;jblanchard@srd.ca&gt;

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Jan 12, 2021, 13:49 by jblanchard@srd.ca:

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Tue 1/12/2021 10:59 AM

To: Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>

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**From:** Jacob Blanchard

**Sent:** January-12-21 10:58 AM

**To:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>

**Subject:** Re: Light at Granite Bay Wharf

I'm in the office now and can discuss whenever you have a chance.



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**From:** Jim Abram  
**Sent:** January-08-21 2:06 PM  
**To:** David Leitch <DLeitch@srd.ca>  
**Cc:** Aniko Nelson <ANelson@srd.ca>; Wolfgang Parada <wparada@srd.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Street Light at Granite Bay wharf

Dave  
Here is the entire string of emails. Thanks fir making extra work for me! Lol.... the two names would be Ted Hayes and Jay Craddock  
I believe my suggestion of the motion activated shirt amber shielded light mounted at the top of the ramp would cover all needs and requirements.  
If this is not correct, I would like it in writing why it would not.  
I never budgeted for this light and the annual cost nor did I put forward any request for such light. As you will read below, this is now a political issue.  
Please let me know what you as CAO are going to do about it.  
Many thanks  
Jim

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**From:** Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>  
**Date:** January 8, 2021 at 11:55:43 AM PST  
**To:** Jim Abram <[jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Street Light at Granite Bay wharf

Just wondering if you had got any further with this, Jim. The light is still very much on all night.

Ted

Dec 30, 2020, 17:36 by [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca):

Thanks Ted  
As my wife told me, no politics between Christmas and New Years!  
But for you! Exceptions get made. Now I'm done until the 4th

Happy New Year!

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On Dec 30, 2020, at 5:10 PM, Ted Hayes <[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)> wrote:

I spoke to Craddocks, Jim. Their main concern is that the light isn't directed to their place. They said your plan sounds good.

Thanks again  
Ted

Dec 30, 2020, 10:27 by [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca):

I'm talking, low down at the top of the wharf, motion activated, amber, facing downward.

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On Dec 30, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Ted Hayes  
<[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)> wrote:

Your idea of the motion-activated amber lamp would be fine with me, Jim. I'll also check with Jay. If he and Sonia think they might have a problem with it, I'll let you know.

Thanks very much for your effort.

Best of the New Year to you and Wendy.

Ted

Dec 29, 2020, 21:56 by [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca):

I have already told Dave Leitch, CAO. We will have the conversation on Monday the 4th. They are all off until then. I do believe he had it turned off.

If they Need a light, I believe that a small three foot high downward facing, motion activated amber lamp at the top of the wharf would do the trick. Would that ok with you, or I can just say "NO LAMP!"

I work for you guys as he does.

I am also asking for more fire hose and modifications to the fire box so the front will fold down for Brian's comfort!

One billet needs replacing also.

Thanks Ted.

I'm now off for the week by order of Wendy.  
Jim

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On Dec 29, 2020, at 8:02 PM,  
Ted Hayes  
<[ted.hayes@tutanota.com](mailto:ted.hayes@tutanota.com)>  
wrote:

I think the person who  
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was the guy who's  
responsible for parks, Jim. It  
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group decision that came out  
of a number of  
conversations over time. I  
think the light went up  
somewhere around the  
18th. And I know that it was  
when Cape Mudge  
Boatworks was upgrading  
the wharf. It was they who  
actually installed it.

I think Jay Craddock must  
have spoken to the Cape  
Mudge guys (although, when  
I took my boat there a just  
before Christmas, they said  
they were going on holiday  
until the new year). In any  
event, the light seems not  
have been on for the past  
couple of nights. Maybe it  
was the regional district guys  
did it.

The reason I mention Jay  
Craddock is that, after  
notifying you, I learned that  
Craddocks are also  
concerned about the light. It  
seems that it shines directly  
in their bedroom window all  
night . . . which is more than  
my more aesthetic  
complaint.

If the light is LED - and it should be, given the difference in operating cost - it should be possible to attach an infrared motion detector. That way the light should only turn on when there are people or animals on the deck. If the light is intended as a safety feature, then that arrangement could satisfy it. Jay has asked if somebody could put a mask on the light to direct it onto the wharf but nowhere else.

Thanks for getting onto this so promptly, Jim. As always, I appreciate your efforts.

Ted

Dec 22, 2020, 12:39 by [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca):

Ted

Can you get Brian to tell you when it went up, who put it up and was one of our staff involved and what was their name.

I just called Dave Leith and told him I want it removed. He said it won't happen until staff are back at work Jan 4th. I said at least turn off the breaker for now. I doubt they will before Christmas!

Please get the info from Brian. I'm going to need it.

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## Aniko Nelson

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**From:** Murray Abercrombie <mudgemurray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** December 16, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Aniko Nelson  
**Subject:** Re: Granite Bay Dock  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Aniko Just to update you on Granite Bay. Decking is replaced as required, expanded metal installed on approach, railings repaired, light post made with lights and electric eye and shielding over lights to prevent birds landing. Post is now installed and wired to panel. Minor adjustments have been made to the lights. The required sections of tie up rails have also been replaced.

The divers are planned for January to coordinate with ladder installation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Murray

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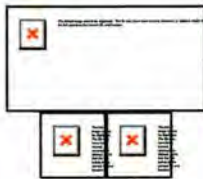
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**To:** Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>  
**Subject:** Granite Bay Dock

We got out the engineers report on the dock and started reviewing the requirements. I did contact Worksafe BC to open ladder requirements if needed. We did have a request from the wharfinger to add a light at the top of the ramp as it is very dark at night. There is power right there so I don't think it would be really complicated. A post with two LED lights, one pointing down the ramp/dock and one pointing at the landing would work well, on a motion detector or photo eye. We can't install a light but if you agree we could contact an electrician to give us a cost.

I also wanted to let you know we are moving forward and will keep you posted.

Take Care Murray

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