



POST LIGHTS – IMPORTANT

It has come to the Association's attention that a resident in Sandycove has made a formal complaint to the Town of Innisfil and the Police Department regarding the pole lights not being operational and blaming Parkbridge as being irresponsible and endangering residents.

The Association has put out so many notices in the past explaining the situation with these pole lights. With all the information that has been put out via our eBulletin, Facebook and reported at the Annual General Meeting, it is beyond belief that someone would actually call the Police and the Town of Innisfil especially when the information reported on was incorrect.

First let me start with again advising the situation with these pole lights: 1) not all homes have them; 2) they are on a pole with a large white globe and most have electrical outlets; 3) they are hardwired to the homeowners electrical box in the house 4) they are, in most cases, by your front door; 5) they are the responsibility of the homeowner to have those lights ON, not only for their safety, but the safety of your neighbours out walking at night for Fido to do his business so he can last through till morning 6) leaving them on is a means of security to protect you from any potential harm from intruders.

These lights are in the control of the homeowner because the electrical to them is hard wired to the homeowners' breaker box in the house. That makes having these lights on is the homeowners' responsibility. It is not Parkbridge that has control of whether these lights are on or off, the homeowner does. Parkbridge cannot enter your home and force you to turn them on as they have no control over the inside of your home – that falls on you.

Parkbridge is responsible to replace the light when it goes out (call them and report it out) and they will get their electrician in to change the bulb. Parkbridge is also responsible for the electrical outlet if you pole has one again if you have not tampered with it.

Back in October, the HOA did a pole light survey on two different nights. The results of that survey showed by address: light was recorded one night as "on", the next night it was "out" and vice versa, What that reflects is that the breaker box switch has been turned off when the resident is home and on when out.

Also, if the homeowner renovates the pole light and puts on a new light fixture or has an independent electrician make alterations to the fixture or the electrics, the homeowner has

now tampered with the light pole and is now responsible for that light and electrical outlet and any costs associated with it. You fool with the light, you own it. You can't expect Parkbridge to be responsible for your light if you have had it tampered with it and that is confirmed by counsel.

If you have not altered your post light with a new light fixture or tampered with the electrics and your light is off, check your breaker box and, if there is one breaker that is off, it could well be the breaker that controls your pole light and electrical. Flip it on and wait to see if when it gets dark the light goes on. When the breaker is on these lights are sensor-controlled that will automatically turn the light on when it gets dark and will stay on until the light of the day and goes out. For about \$5.00 a year in costs, why would you not leave it on? It does not make sense to waste your time turning this breaker on and off.

In conclusion, for residents to say well Parkbridge should install more of the larger street lights. For information, this type of lighting would cost in the vicinity of **multi millions of dollars which gets put on an Above Guideline Increase and then the costs gets added to each and every residents' RENT.** This has happened in other land lease communities so this is a valid truth. Be careful what you ask for. Anything you ask for that can be classified as a capital expenditure, Parkbridge does not pay for it, but it goes on an Above Guideline Increase and ends up added to residents' rent! This would affect 1233 homes belonging to your neighbours.

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