

Sports Pad Lighting Invading Local Resident's Privacy

On the 18th January Council approved the operating times for the lighting of the sports pad at Lions Park off Diane Drive. This was despite concerns by local residents over the light pollution and invasion of privacy that these excessively tall and powerful lights create.

Not only does light spill into the backyards and illuminate the backs of the houses directly adjacent to the sports pad, but also on the houses across the street on the east side of Diane Drive.

While the Lion's Club is to be commended for extending the hours of use of the sports pad by purchasing lights (and I do not believe that anyone objects to the pad being illuminated or to the operating times of the lights) one has to question the wisdom of a decision that does not consider the interests and privacy of adjacent neighbours.

Nor does it seem that sufficient research was done on the energy efficiency, placement and correct wattage of the lights.

What we are left with is a troublesome \$60,000 gift from a well-meaning service club, investment of considerable time and money by the town, unhappy neighbours and a lighting problem that will not go away ?not the intended outcome I am sure.

What can residents on the west side of Lions Park look forward to as plans proceed to further illuminate sports fields in our neighbourhood?

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