

Staff Report

Report To:	Council Meeting
From:	Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Date:	2022-09-22
Subject:	Decorative Lighting for Downtown Areas

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell re: purchase of Decorative Lighting for the Downtown Areas for information purposes.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council information on the purchase of Decorative Lighting for the Downtown Areas of the Municipality as approved in the 2022 Budget.

Background:

The 2022 Budget approved the purchase of new decorative lighting in the downtown cores of both Rodney and West Lorne for up to \$50,000. Staff issued an RFP and received two responses. Ultimately staff chose Classic Displays of Mississauga ON. We will be purchasing 20 Snow Diamond (picture attached) and 20 Frostbite (picture attached) at a total cost of \$41,425 plus applicable taxes, this price includes shipping.

Winter themed designs were chosen for their versatility and being able to brighten up the downtowns for more than just a few weeks around the Holiday season. These lights can be put up in November and easily stay to brighten the dreary winter nights into March and not look out of place. Staff have chosen Snow Diamond in the classic White and Blue colours and Frostbite in the bright white. These will alternate on the light poles in the downtown areas, with both Rodney and West Lorne having the same lighting scheme.

These LED lights are in the production line and will be able to be installed and operational prior to the Rodney Night Market on November 19, 2022. The mounting brackets will most likely arrive and be installed shortly so that once the lights are ready they can just be slid into place easily.

Financial Implications:

\$50,000 was allocated in the 2022 Capital Budget and these lights come in under budget at \$41,425.00 plus applicable taxes.