The City of Pickering has been building sustainable communities.

In 2014, Council approved the use of LED technology as the City standard for street lighting. With the installation of LED streetlights throughout Pickering, the City staff found that an increasing number of municipalities were investigating and recommending alternative technologies as the primary source for roadway lighting. With these findings in mind, City staff determined that the City was eligible for an incentive of approximately $500,000.00 to be applied toward the installation of LED streetlights throughout Pickering.

Upon completion of the LED streetlight conversion program and is now underway. LED lighting does not contain mercury or lead as found in HPS lighting and is, therefore, considered environmentally friendly. Over the life of a typical LED streetlight, the City anticipates a 2018 installation date subject to budget approval.

As Seaton has a focus on technology and sustainability, developers approached the City to explore streetlight replacement options. As the lighting plan for Seaton progresses, the City recognizes the need to respect the heritage character of the hamlet. It is determined that the City is eligible for an incentive of approximately $500,000.00 to be applied toward the installation of LED streetlights throughout the hamlet.

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About EBN

EcoBusiness Network (EBN) is a partnership between the City of Pickering, partner organizations, and communities throughout Canada that are working to set and achieve sustainability goals. The overarching goals aligned with our Sustainable Pickering program, and we recognized value in collaborating with like-minded agencies to work towards our shared sustainability objectives. Moving forward, the EBN program is to provide support, coordination, and resources to help communities create a more sustainable economy.

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