



## The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills Mayoral Decision

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**Decision:** 2026-MDE-05

**Date:** January 16, 2026

**Subject:** **Veto Resolution 26-03 – Council Amendment to revise the scope and dismantle the Riverwalk Lighting passed at the January 6, 2026 Special Meeting.**

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Pursuant to the powers extended to the Head of Council under Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the "ACT"), I, Mayor Carter of the Township of Minden Hills, hereby veto the following Council amended resolution to the proposed 2026 Mayoral Budget, passed by Council at its January 6, 2026 Special Meeting, in accordance with subsection 284.16(4) of the Act:

**"That Council amends the 2026 Mayoral Budget to revise the scope and dismantle the Riverwalk lighting estimated at \$50,000 to be financed from the in lieu of Parkland fund."**

The reason for this veto is;

Removing the existing infrastructure, without a full plan, creates two issues;

- 1) Removing infrastructure which may be needed for a future lighting installation
- 2) Removing fixtures and capping off wiring will result in protrusions covering the remaining wiring, creating potential tripping hazards or equipment which may be damaged during winter maintenance. The existing proposal is to install solar lighting, which may require some electrical power or controls.

It would be shortsighted to just remove the existing infrastructure and not proceed with the remainder of the project.

This is one of the highlights of the town and public sentiment has stressed the need to replace the lighting. This lighting will encourage people to utilize the attractions in the village. The \$142,000 project should be funded from surplus/reserves as originally presented in the December 15, 2025, Mayor's Budget.

This Mayoral Decision comes into effect on January 16, 2026.

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**Mayor Bob Carter**