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FortisAlberta begins conversion of streetlights to LED technology in St. Albert

St. Albert, Alberta – Oct. 24, 2016 - FortisAlberta, an electricity distribution company that provides service to central and southern Alberta, has developed a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Option to meet the needs of municipal customers who are seeking LED replacements for their existing streetlights.

In St. Albert, more than 5,800 or 95 per cent of their existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights will be converted to LED technology beginning Oct. 24, 2016. Through these conversions, the city will save approximately 2.3 million kWh/year, which is equivalent to taking 317 cars off the road; operating 298 homes; or planting 68,072 trees per year.

“The conversion to LED technology will help reduce our energy consumption within the City, which is helpful to our Environmental Master Plan and to reduce spending,” says Mayor Nolan Crouse. “As well through our partnership with FortisAlberta and the usage of more energy efficient technology, we are also showing how St. Albert can grow as a Smart City.”

“This is a great initiative that will allow us to continue to improve the energy efficiency of our infrastructure, while controlling costs for our customers,” says Don Hughes, Director, Business Development for FortisAlberta. “LED technology has advanced to the point where it is a viable economic and environmental choice for FortisAlberta and our customers, many of whom have requested an LED conversion option.”

In April 2016, FortisAlberta filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to convert existing streetlights under this program. The AUC granted approval and approved the first six municipalities (Canmore, Crowsnest Pass, Devon, Okotoks, St. Albert and Wetaskiwin) for conversion.

“This is a significant achievement for FortisAlberta and a win for our customers,” adds Don. With an estimated 80,000 fixtures eligible for this program, FortisAlberta will invest \$30 million dollars into the conversion of these lights for its customers.

About FortisAlberta

As owner and operator of more than 60 per cent of Alberta’s total electricity distribution network and more than 120,000 kilometres of power lines, FortisAlberta’s focus is the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to its 530,000 customers in 200 communities across Alberta.

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