Appendix B

Option 2
Current Local Improvement Program (LIP)

A Local Improvement is any work or service paid by charging part or all the costs to property owners who benefit from the work or service.

Alley lighting is part of the Local Improvement Program (LIP). Property owners would pay all costs associated with the installation, as well as the first ten years of electricity costs. Electricity charges make up most of the cost for alley lighting installations. The rates charged for alley lighting installation are based on quotes from SaskPower for that year's program. These costs vary depending on the existing infrastructure in the alley, for example, if there are poles or not. If there are no poles in the location, then the cost could be four to eight times the cost for installation in an alley were there are existing poles. SaskPower uses 5500 lumen Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights for alley lighting.

Residents can contact the City of Regina to obtain an application. The package contains approximate costs and a blank survey. To be considered for the Alley Lighting Program through LIP, a petition must be signed by two-thirds of property owners adjacent to the alley. The names gathered on the survey must be the registered owner of the property.

Generally, the costs have been prohibitive as there has only been one installation in the past ten years, which was not located in a high crime area. This one location is the alley north of Angus Crescent from Retallack Street to the alley midway through the alley as the lighting was only installed for half the alley. Due to the absence of requests, the most recent unit costs from 2012 vary from $41 - $75 per property width metre, depending on the availability of power pole infrastructure in the alley. For the average 50 foot lot (15.24 metres), a property owner would pay between $625 to $1143 for alley lighting. With the limited uptake with the LIP program for back alley lighting, this option is unlikely to yield increased lighting in high crime areas.