



## **Council Report** **For the Meeting of April 23, 2026**

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**To:** Council **Date:** April 13, 2026  
**From:** Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of Finance  
**Subject:** 2026 Business Improvement Area Bylaw

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to "Business Improvement Area Rate Bylaw, 2026."

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2024, Council passed bylaw 24-082, Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2024. This bylaw re-established the Downtown Victoria Business Improvement Area Service (DVBA), authorizing the granting of money to the DVBA and the imposition of taxes for that purpose. The bylaw established the improvement area for the years 2025-2029 inclusive.

Each year, Council must pass a bylaw prescribing the rates to be imposed on properties within the business improvement area. These rates are calculated to recover the amount of the grant authorized in section 5 of Bylaw 24-082. For 2026, the authorized grant amount is \$1,906,253.

This bylaw must be passed prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, and after the Financial Plan bylaw to be effective for the 2026 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Manager-Revenue

Jo-Ann O'Connor  
Deputy Director of Finance

Susanne Thompson  
Deputy City Manager/CFO

**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager**

### **List of Attachments**

Attachment A Business Improvement Area Rate Bylaw, 2026 No. 26-033