



Council Report

For the Meeting of April 23, 2026

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to "Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2026."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year the City imposes a boulevard tax to help defray the cost of maintenance and upkeep of City boulevards. Pursuant to section 12 of the Victoria City Act, 1920 and section 259 of the Community Charter, this tax is imposed on properties that front and abut upon any boulevard maintained by the City. As part of the financial planning process, Council directed staff to increase the boulevard tax levy in 2026. As a result, the tax will increase from \$2.50 to \$2.91 per m². The total budgeted revenue and corresponding expenditure for 2026 is \$605,910. There are approximately 7,900 properties that would be subject to the boulevard tax for 2026.

The boulevard service includes mowing and edging boulevard grass. This service is not mandatory, and property owners have the ability to opt in or out of the program. To opt in or out, a signed petition must be presented to Council on a per-block basis. Such a petition must be signed by the owners of at least 50% of the parcels representing at least 50% of the assessed property values on the block. There were no petitions submitted to Council requesting removal from the program in 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Layla Monk

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 Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2026 No. 26-031