



## Council Report

For the Meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**To:** Council  
**From:** Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance  
**Subject:** 2018 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

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**Date:** April 6, 2018

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council give first, second, and third readings to "Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2018".

### 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. The tax is proposed to remain at \$2.50 per m<sup>2</sup>. The total budgeted revenue and corresponding expenditure for 2018 is \$535,000. There are approximately 7,300 properties that would be subject to the boulevard tax for 2018.

The boulevard service includes mowing, watering and fertilizing. 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 registered owners representing two-thirds of the assessed property value and two-thirds of the properties. Last year Council approved one petition which removed 16 properties from the program. These properties are located on the 1000 block of Craigdarroch Road (west side). Copies of the report, certification of petition and map are attached as Appendices A, B and C.

This bylaw must be passed prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, and after the Financial Plan bylaw to be effective for the 2018 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Lockhart in blue ink.

Jennifer Lockhart  
Manager-Revenue

Handwritten signature of Susanne Thompson in blue ink.

Susanne Thompson  
Director of Finance

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Handwritten signature of Jocelyn Senfay in blue ink.  

Date: April 12, 2018

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this Bylaw is to assess the cost of maintenance of boulevards in the City.

Under its statutory powers, including sections 12(1) and (4) of the *Victoria City Act, 1920* and section 259 of the *Community Charter*, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Victoria, in an open meeting assembled, enacts the following provisions:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "BOULEVARD TAX BYLAW, 2018"
2. For the purpose of providing the required sum for the year 2018 to defray the cost of maintenance and upkeep of the boulevards on all streets in the City of Victoria on which boulevards are maintained, the owner or occupier of any real property or any portion of real property which fronts and abuts upon any boulevard maintained by the City must pay an annual rate for 2018 of **\$2.50** per m<sup>2</sup> of boulevard area upon which the real property or portion of real property fronts and abuts.
3. The rates imposed under this Bylaw must be imposed and collected with the annual general taxes for 2018 as a "Boulevard Tax," and are due and payable on the same date as the annual general taxes.
4. The rates and any interest on them, imposed under this bylaw must be specially charged as taxes on the real property for which the owner or occupier is made chargeable, as provided in section 259 of the *Community Charter*.
5. Bylaw No 17-037 the Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2017, is repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME the	day of	2018
READ A SECOND TIME the	day of	2018
READ A THIRD TIME the	day of	2018
ADOPTED the	day of	2018

CITY CLERK

MAYOR



**Committee of the Whole Report**  
For the Meeting of November 9, 2017

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** October 24, 2017  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Requests for Boulevard Removal from the Taxed Boulevard Program

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the removal of 1000 block Craigdarroch Road (west side) from the Taxed Boulevard Program effective the 2018 tax year.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Bylaw No. 17-037 attached as Appendix A establishes a boulevard tax for the cost of maintenance of boulevards in the City of Victoria. Participation in the program is optional with residents having the opportunity to withdraw from the program by presenting Council with a petition signed by a minimum of two-thirds of the property owners presenting a minimum of two-thirds of the assessed value.

The residents of the following street have successfully petitioned for the removal of their block from the Taxed Boulevard Program:


- 1000 Block Craigdarroch Road (West Side)

In order for petition to be successful at least 2/3 of the properties with at least 2/3 of the total assessed property value must be attained on a particular block. This enables the block to withdraw from the City's boulevard maintenance program.

Each removal has a financial impact on the City's boulevard maintenance program. These removals are estimated to reduce program revenue by approximately \$696.00 (based on 2017 property taxes) for the Craigdarroch Road Block and is a reduction in the City's cost to provide the service.

Copies of the certification of petition and a map of the areas affected are attached as Appendices B and C.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chris Coates  
City Clerk

  
Susanne Thompson  
Director, Finance



**Certificate of Petition for Removal from Boulevard Maintenance Program**  
1000 block Craigdarroch Road (West Side)

Address	Assessed Value	In Favour
1060 Craigdarroch	2,093,000	2,093,000
1056 Craigdarroch	640,900	
1052 Craigdarroch	921,000	
1048 Craigdarroch	1,063,000	
1044 Craigdarroch	1,157,000	1,157,000
1040 Craigdarroch	717,000	
1036 Craigdarroch	1,041,000	
1032 Craigdarroch	805,000	805,000
1026/28 Craigdarroch	948,000	948,000
1016 Craigdarroch	771,000	771,000
1010 Craigdarroch	1,229,000	1,229,000
1000 Craigdarroch	1,362,000	1,362,000
1347 Craigdarroch	896,000	896,000
1353 Craigdarroch	841,000	841,000
1355 Craigdarroch	43,200	43,200
1357 Craigdarroch	165,000	165,000

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**\$14,693,100**

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**\$10,310,200**

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**Need**


Number of Properties in Favour:

69%

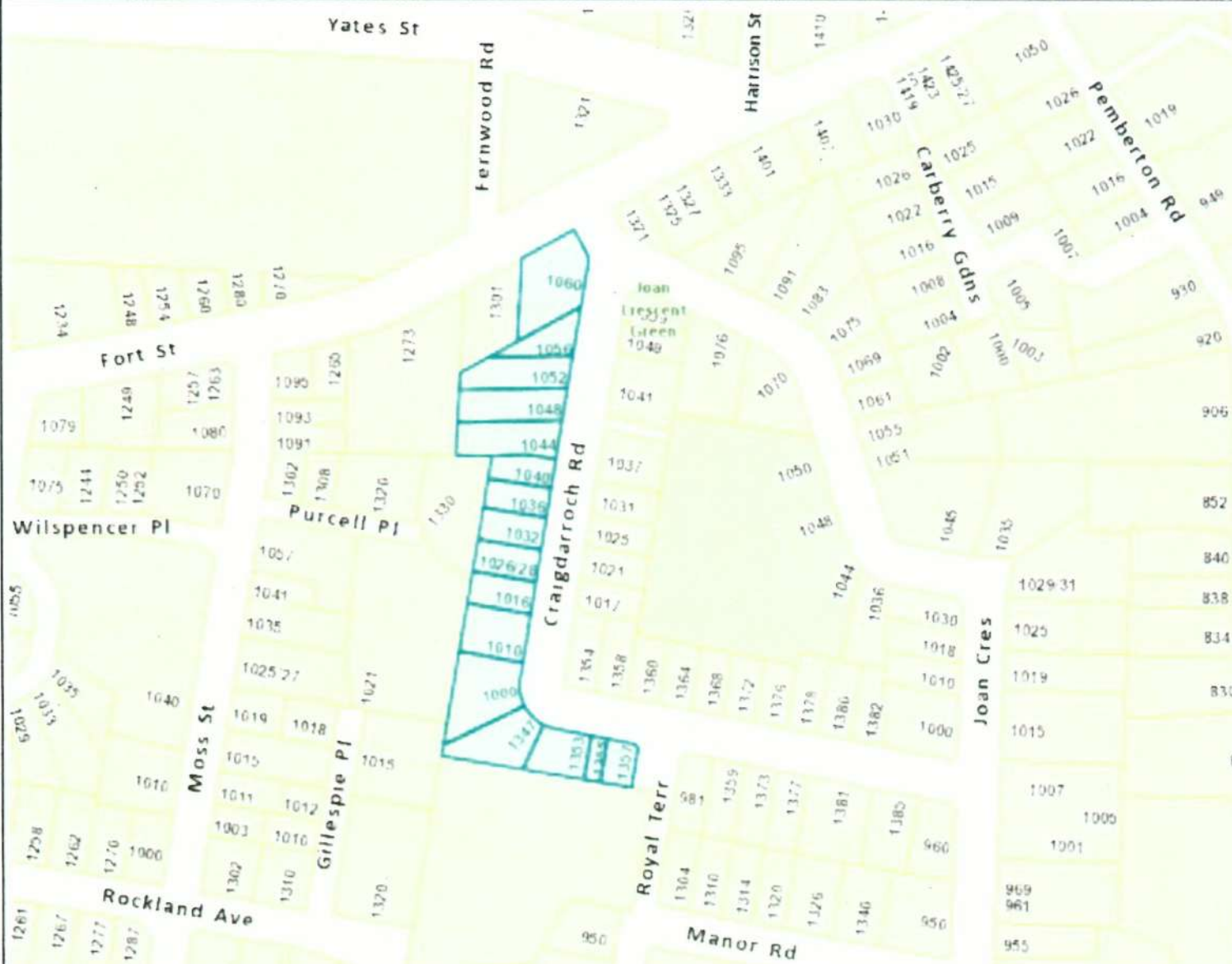
% of Assessed Value in Favour:

70%

**Certified  
Sufficient**

  
Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Tuesday, October 24, 2017



## Legend

Victoria Parcels  
Parks

1: 2,706



## Notes

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