



## Council Report

For the Meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**To:** Council **Date:** April 11, 2019  
**From:** Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of Finance  
**Subject:** 2019 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council give first, second, and third readings to "Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2019".

### 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 2019 is \$535,200. There are approximately 7200 properties that would be subject to the boulevard tax for 2019.

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 registered owners representing 50 percent of the assessed property values and 50 percent of the properties. Last year Council approved one petition which removed two properties from the program.

This bylaw must be passed prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, and after the Financial Plan bylaw to be effective for the 2019 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Lockhart  
Manager-Revenue

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Jo-Ann O'Connor  
Deputy Director of Finance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanne Thompson".

Susanne Thompson  
Deputy City Manager/CFO

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

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Date: April 16, 2019