



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of October 10, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 19, 2019
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Request for Boulevard Removal from the Taxed Boulevard Program

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the removal of the following boulevard from the Taxed Boulevard Program effective for the 2020 tax year:

1. South side of Richardson Street between Harbinger Avenue and Cornwall Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bylaw No. 19-042, attached as Attachment 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 representing a minimum two-thirds of the assessed value on the block.

The residents of the south side of Richardson Street between Harbinger Avenue and Cornwall Street have successfully petitioned for the removal of their block from the Taxed Boulevard Program. It should be noted that 665 Harbinger Avenue and 1255 Richardson Street are corner lots and this removal is for the Richardson Street frontage only.

Each removal has a financial impact on the City's boulevard maintenance program. This removal is estimated to reduce program revenue by approximately \$463.38 for this block (based on 2019 property taxes) 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 Attachments B and C.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Coates'.

Chris Coates
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susanne Thompson'.

Susanne Thompson
Deputy City Manager/
Director of Finance

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

Debra Jenkins
Oct 1, 2019

List of Attachments

Attachment A – 2019 Boulevard Tax Bylaw, No. 19-042

Attachment B – Certificate of Petition for Removal from the Taxed Boulevard Program

Attachment C – Map