



Council Report

For the Meeting of April 15, 2021

To: Council **Date:** April 9, 2021
From: Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of Finance
Subject: 2021 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to "Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2021."

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 m². The total budgeted revenue and corresponding expenditure for 2021 is \$535,200. There are approximately 7,400 properties that would be subject to the boulevard tax for 2021.

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 there were no petitions submitted to Council requesting removal from the program.

This bylaw must be passed prior to May 15th, and after the Financial Plan bylaw to be effective for the 2021 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Manager/CFO

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager