

Council Report For the Meeting of April 27, 2023

To:CouncilDate:April 13, 2023From:Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of FinanceSubject:2023 Business Improvement Area Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

That Council give first, second, and third readings to "Business Improvement Area Rate Bylaw, 2023."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, Council passed bylaw 19-045, Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2019. This bylaw reestablished the Downtown Victoria Business Improvement Area Service (DVBA), authorizing the granting of money to the DVBA and the imposition of taxes for that purpose. The bylaw established the improvement area for the years 2020-2024 inclusive.

The Business Improvement Area Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (NO. 1) No. 22-023, 2022 expands the boundary of the Downtown Victoria Business Improvement Area Service (DVBA), and authorizes amendments to the granting of money to the DVBA for the years 2020-2024 inclusive.

Each year, Council must pass a bylaw prescribing the rates to be imposed on properties within the business improvement area. These rates are calculated to recover the amount of the grant authorized in subsection 4(2) of Bylaw 19-045. For 2023, the authorized grant amount is \$1,727,880.

This bylaw must be passed prior to May 15th, and after the Financial Plan bylaw to be effective for the 2023 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager