



## Council Report For the Meeting of April 27, 2023

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**To:** Council **Date:** April 13, 2023  
**From:** Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of Finance  
**Subject:** 2023 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to "Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2023."

### 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 2023 is \$535,200. There are approximately 7,690 properties that would be subject to the boulevard tax for 2023.

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 the owners of at least 50% of the parcels representing at least 50% of the assessed property values on the block. There were three petitions submitted to Council requesting removal from the program in 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Susanne Thompson  
Deputy City Manager/CFO

**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager**