



Governance and Priorities Committee Report

For the Meeting of December 18, 2014

To: Governance and Priorities Committee **Date:** December 1, 2014
From: Julie MacDougall, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Boulevard Removals from the Taxed Boulevard Program

Executive Summary

Bylaw No. 13-024 establishes a boulevard tax for the cost of maintenance of boulevards in the City. 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 2/3rds of the property owners representing a minimum of 2/3rds of the assessed value of a block receiving the boulevard maintenance service.

The residents of the following street are requesting the removal of their block from the Taxed Boulevard Program:

- The North side of 1100 Block of Pembroke Street
- The South side of 1100 Block of Pembroke Street (east of Cameron Street)
- The West side of 900 Block of Joan Crescent
- The South side of the 500 Block of Selkirk Avenue
- The South side of the 700 Block of Selkirk Avenue
- The North side of the 400 Block of Luxton Avenue

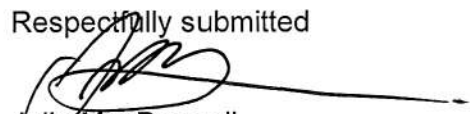
The petition from the residents for the above blocks meets the criteria established by Council for residents to withdraw from the City's boulevard program and undertake their own maintenance for the boulevard frontage.

The 2015 removals are estimated to reduce program revenue by \$4630.70 per year, which represents a 0.83% reduction in total revenue. The total revenue collected for the Tax Boulevard Program in 2014 was approximately \$557,000. Approximately 58 km of boulevards remain on the program and the revenue collected fully funds the maintenance activities, therefore, removals do not impact the level of service. Staff monitor the cumulative effect of the removals from the Tax Boulevard Program on an annual basis and make the appropriate staffing adjustments. Since, 2010, the revenue collected has been reduced by \$48,382 and the corresponding boulevards are no longer maintained by the City.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the removal of the Pembroke Street, Joan Crescent, Selkirk Avenue and Luxton Avenue boulevards from the Taxed Boulevard Program to be effective for the 2015 tax year.

Respectfully submitted


Julie MacDougall
Acting Director of Parks & Recreation


Susanne Thompson
Director of Finance

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Jason Johnson

Date: December 11, 2014