



Governance and Priorities Committee
Interim Boulevard Gardening Guidelines
July 24, 2014

Background

- June 19 – Council requests that staff review the proposed interim guidelines
- Guidelines are generally consistent with the food security and urban food production provisions as outlined in the City's Official Community Plan
- Key consideration for adapting guidelines for Victoria: Legislation, street and lane layout, dedicated resources.

Issues and Analysis

- Taxed Boulevards – financial implications to City of having more residents opt out
- Property ownership – responsibility for maintenance
- Increased costs to the City should remediation be required
- Compliance with the bylaws and enforcement

Implementation

- Adopted interim guidelines would be promoted and shared through electronic and social media and notification of community and neighbourhood associations.

Next Steps

- Fall 2014 – staff will work with Communications and Citizen Engagement on the development of an engagement strategy.
- January 2015 – staff develops a draft project charter for the final Boulevard Gardening Guidelines
- February 2015 – draft project charter to Council for approval

Staff recommend that:

- *Council adopt the interim guidelines with the amendments as described in Attachment 1 and direct staff to proceed with the development of a project charter and engagement strategy for final boulevard gardening guidelines, to be in place for the 2016 growing season.*