



## Governance and Priorities Committee Report

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**Date:** February 19, 2014      **From:** Julie MacDougall, Assistant Director of Parks  
**Subject:** Boulevard Removals from the Taxed Boulevard Program

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### 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 1000 Block Faithful Street
- The West side of 100 Block Cambridge Street

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


Each removal has a financial impact on the City's boulevard maintenance program. These removals are estimated to reduce program revenue by \$2,270 per year. The total revenue collected for the Tax Boulevard Program in 2013 was approximately \$564,000. The removal of the blocks outlined in this report represents a 0.4% reduction in program funding. Staff monitor the cumulative effect of removals from the Tax Boulevard Program, on an annual basis, and make the appropriate staffing adjustments. The total value for 2014 is \$18,837.00

### Recommendation

That Council approve the removal of the Faithful and Cambridge boulevards from the Taxed Boulevard Program to be effective for the 2014 tax year.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:   
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Date: Feb. 24, 2014