



Governance and Priorities Committee Report

Date: January 14, 2014 **From:** Julie MacDougall, Assistant Director, Parks
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 2/3rd of the property owners representing a minimum of 2/3rd of the assessed value of the block receiving the boulevard maintenance service.

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

- Pinewood Avenue between St. Charles Street and Wildwood 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 maintenance program.


Each removal has a financial impact on the City's boulevard maintenance program. These removals are estimated to reduce program revenue by \$3,200 per year. The total revenue collected for the Tax Boulevard Program in 2013 was approximately \$564,000. The removal of the block outlined in this report represents a 0.6% reduction in program funding.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the removal of the Pinewood Avenue boulevard 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 Acting City Manager:


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