



**Council Report**  
**For the Meeting of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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**To:** Council  
**From:** Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance  
**Subject:** 2017 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

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**Date:** April 7, 2017

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council give first, second, and third readings to "Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2017".

**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 2017 is \$540,000. There are approximately 7,000 properties that would be subject to the boulevard tax for 2017.

The boulevard service includes mowing, watering and fertilizing. 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 registered owners representing two-thirds of the assessed property value and two-thirds of the properties.

This bylaw must be passed prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, and after the Financial Plan bylaw to be effective for the 2017 tax year.

Respectfully submitted,

A blue ink signature of Steven Vella.

Steven Vella  
Manager-Revenue

A blue ink signature of Susanne Thompson.

Susanne Thompson  
Director of Finance

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**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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