



**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED CITY OF VICTORIA BYLAW
DOWNTOWN VICTORIA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

In accordance with sections 210, 211, 213, 215 and 216 of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria gives notice that it intends to undertake, on its own initiative, the local service described below for the benefit of a specified downtown business improvement area of the City. *Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 19-045* would establish the proposed local area service.

The local service will be undertaken unless, by June 27, 2019, the Council receives a petition against the proposed local service certified by the Corporate Administrator:

- a) as being signed by the owners of at least 50% of the parcels that would be subject to the local service tax described below, and
- b) which owners are the owners of parcels that in total represent at least 50% of the assessed value of the land and improvements subject to that local service tax.

The proposed local service consists of the provision of grants to the Downtown Victoria Business Association, a registered non-profit society, for the planning and implementation of a business promotion scheme as follows:

- (a) carrying out studies or making reports respecting the business improvement area;
- (b) improving, beautifying, or maintaining streets, sidewalks, or municipally owned land, buildings, or structures located in the business improvement area;
- (c) conserving heritage property that is located in the business improvement area;
- (d) encouraging business in the business improvement area.

The total cost of the proposed local service is \$5,801,956.00, comprised of the following amounts for each of the five years beginning in 2020:

2020:	\$1,103,804.00
2021:	\$1,131,399.00
2022:	\$1,159,684.00
2023:	\$1,188,676.00
2024:	\$1,218,393.00

The cost of this local service will be recovered by means of a property tax imposed by *Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 19-045* on all land and improvements classified as Class 5 & 6 (commercial and light industrial) within the Downtown Victoria Business Improvement Area, at the rates established by bylaw based on the assessed value of each property.

The area for the proposed local service is the Downtown Victoria Business Improvement Area shown in Schedule A below.

Please note that owners of property subject to the DVBIA property tax levy will be directly notified by mail. The petition form, bylaw and other information regarding the DVBIA may be obtained from Legislative Services, Victoria City Hall, by emailing legislativeservices@victoria.ca, calling 250.361.0571, via fax at 250.361.0348, or from the City's website at www.victoria.ca.