Boulevard Maintenance Bylaw Amendments

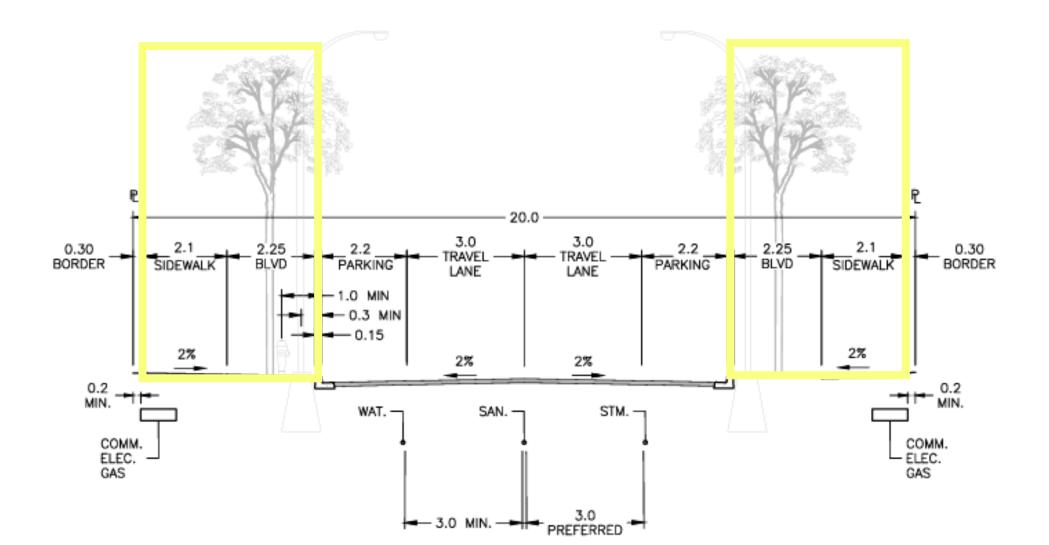
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- Address the impacts of development on the urban tree canopy and reduce encroachment into natural forests.
- ▶ Use opportunities provided by re-development to plant trees for the benefit of the public realm.
- Improve urban tree care.
- Achieve canopy coverage goals set out by the *Sustainable Urban Forest Strategy* and *OCP*.

What is a boulevard?





Boulevard Maintenance Challenges

- Street trees not being watered
- Kelowna's naturally arid climate makes lawns problematic
- Rock mulch obstructing sidewalks and roadways, creating safety hazards
- Flooding due to unauthorized paving on private and public property





Stormwater Management

Functional Soakaway Strip

even slope/grading, no pooling areas

Poorly functioning Soakaway Strip

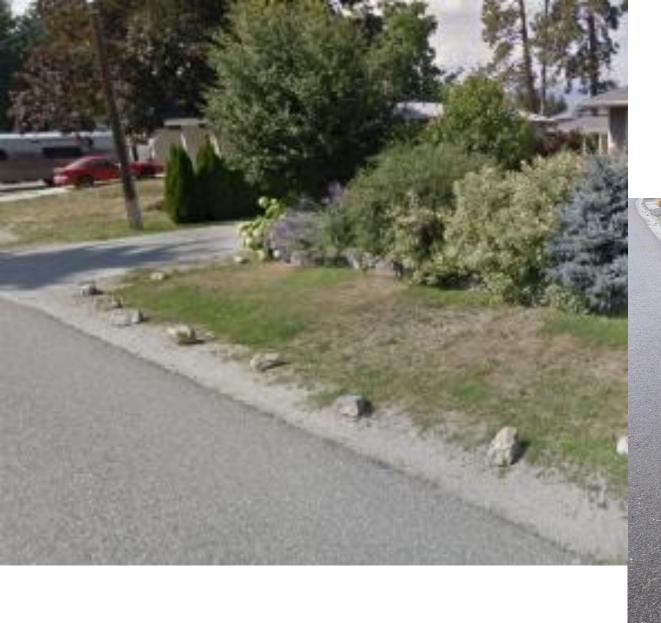
- vegetation growth where water pools due to wrong gravel and poor grading
- paving encroachments into soakaway strip

Paving – transfers flood risk to neighbours





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Rock Hazards



Proposed Bylaw Changes

Update terminology for landscaping materials

Reinforce existing service level for boulevard maintenance

Clarify abutting owner responsibility for watering

Establish ticketing options for enforcement

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Boulevard Treatments

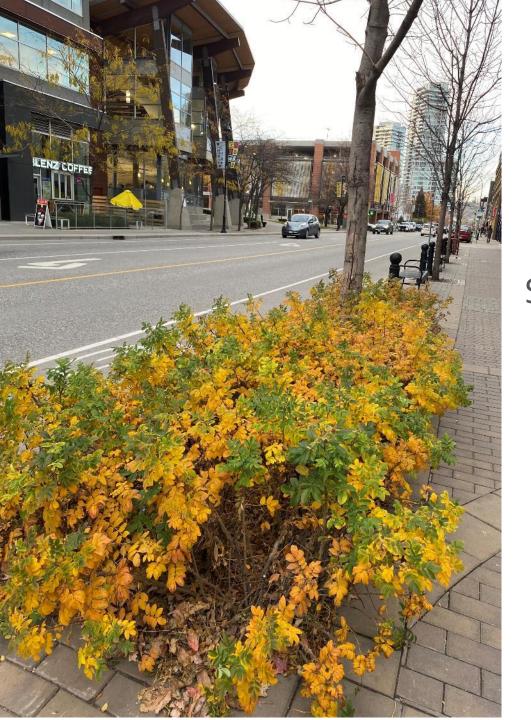


What's Next?



- raise awareness of the importance of street tree care
- Street tree incentives

Subdivision and Development
Servicing Bylaw No. 7900 update
– climate appropriate boulevard
design requirements.



Shrubs provide year-round interest and enhance the streetscape

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Staff Recommendation

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Infrastructure Services and Planning, Climate Action, and Development Services divisions dated January 20, 2024, with respect to an update to Maintenance of Boulevards by the Owners of Lands Abutting Thereon Bylaw No. 10425;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12744, being Maintenance of Boulevards, be forwarded for reading consideration;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12745, being Amendment No. 38 to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 10475, be forwarded for reading consideration.





Questions?

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