

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1) – NOVEMBER 2, 2021

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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SC 1 Memorandum from the Deputy City Manager,
Public Works, dated October 19, 2021

Subject

Staff update on deputation by Mr. Dominic Romagnuolo requesting enhanced maintenance of the grounds at The Grand Boulevard in Kleinburg.

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**Staff Communication : SC 1
Committee of the Whole (1)
November 2, 2021**

DATE: October 19, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Zoran Postic, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

RE: Staff update on deputation by Mr. Dominic Romagnuolo requesting enhanced maintenance of the grounds at The Grand Boulevard in Kleinburg.

1. Purpose

To provide an update with regards to a request for enhanced service levels at the grounds at the Grand Boulevard in Kleinburg.

During the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 8, 2021, Mr. Dominic Romagnuolo made a deputation requesting an increase to the frequency of maintenance for grass cutting, weeding, pruning, and mulching. The expenses were proposed to be absorbed by the community and administered by the City.

As a result of the deputation, Council directed staff to petition area residents to determine the level of support for this initiative. The complete set of findings was to include community feedback and estimated costs to provide the enhanced services.

2. Analysis

Staff developed a cost estimate to support increased maintenance frequency in the Grand Boulevard community. The increase in maintenance activities include weekly grass cutting and trimming during the months of April to September, weeding six times per year, and pruning and mulching once per year. It is estimated that this change in service levels would cost approximately \$68,000 per year, resulting in an additional cost of \$400 per year per household within the Grand Boulevard community. The additional cost to the City can be supported through a special levy for the properties located in the Grand Boulevard community.

Staff surveyed the community to determine support for the enhanced maintenance frequency through a special levy. The Grand Boulevard community includes 170 homes and a few vacant lots. 57 surveys were completed, and of these, 74% of the respondents do not support the increased costs for enhanced maintenance. A

summary of the survey results is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: The Grand Boulevard Survey Results

Total # Households	# Survey Submissions	#Complete Surveys	# Respondents Not in Support of Additional Service Level with Special Levy	# Respondents In Support of Additional Service Level with Special Levy
170	61	57	42 (74%)	15 (26%)

Incomplete survey submissions and households that did not participate, were not considered to be in favour of enhanced services by default. This is consistent with other community engagement surveys for local improvements, including traffic calming petitions.

3. Conclusion

With results from the survey not being supportive of a special levy for increased maintenance, an enhanced community-specific service level will not be pursued.

However, with the Beautification Strategy 2.0 recently endorsed by Council, the community will benefit from the proposed City-wide implementation of enhanced service levels. Furthermore, staff will continue to work with the community to explore opportunities to deliver on established service levels.

Respectfully submitted,





Zoran Postic
Deputy City Manager Public Works

Attachment

1. Grand Boulevard community location map

Attachment 1

-  Shrub Bed/Planters
-  Grass Cutting

On The Boulevard Community

