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**Let's Talk Chatham-Kent
Boulevard Use and Care By-Law Amendment**

Comments/Questions/Feedback

Insurance--who will be financially responsible for any injuries on the apron or flankage of the property
Being mindful of climate change, (encouraging native pollinators, eliminating monocultures and fuel use for grasscutting) please consider allowing plants other than grass in the boulevards. Currently there are a number of I welcome this so that all property owners with frontage or flankage maintain their property in the same manner as their own property. The municipality must also maintain their property as befitting the neighbourhoods! Parks, medians, etc must be maintained properly as well. These municipal properties project the image of C-K that residents, would-be residents, tourists and visitors see - let's keep it all in condition. This may increase the cost of grass cutting and maintenance, hopefully offset by savings from property owners taking care of their frontage and flankage! Prestancia has many medians that were approved with the design of the area but the municipality does at best a hit and miss approach to maintenance! Let's clean them all up regularly not on a Will this change apply to municipal property that abuts the back of one's residential property as well? Example property that backs onto a sidewalk/roadway

When I purchased my home I did not read in the Purchase of Agreement I must maintain the boulevard and driveway apron. I live on a corner lot and DO maintain these areas so my yard looks nice. I also would like to know when I was the owner of the storm drain area near my property ? On your Municipality of Chatham-Kent Facebook site it is important to keep the areas clear, why am I required to complete this task as I do not work for the City of Chatham? There are 3 storm sewer systems that I maintain during spring, summer, fall and winter. The winter being the hardest as the snow is piled in all 3 areas, please note I am not complaining about the snow removal in my area as I am now in my sixties and my wife is in her seventies and this is hard to move the snow. As I wrote I do not believe this was in my Purchase of Agreement of my home in Chatham. Please explain

people, it does not engage anyone that does not have computer/internet access, it does not engage our elderly. I believe this only limits input from the constituents, that is not transparent. I believe when you are placing this type of burden on taxpayers you should have to have a meeting in every ward to explain why you are placing this burden on them, and face the backlash. Then you are being transparent. This is a horrendous attempt by the engineering department to sock it to the citizens of Chatham-Kent again. First they ask for 1-1.5% increase every budget over and above what they are seeking to begin with. Second we the taxpayers have to salt our sidewalks, this costs the poor and elderly an added fee to have someone salt the sidewalks. Now you are dictating to us that we have to pay to maintain the driveway portion that the Municipality owns. With the 1-1.5% tax increase that according to the finance department is about 1 million dollars in extra revenue. This has been going on for the last 3-5 years. That equates to 3-5 million extra dollars plus what they are requesting at budget time. This is also compounded over the years, that 1-1.5% is greater. Where is that money going? How much more is this department going to bleed the taxpayers. You have placed the burden on the taxpayer, some elderly or less fortunate to now salt the sidewalks or face a penalty. Not everyone has sidewalks so you place undue burden on those that do. Now you are placing another undue burden to us taxpayers by telling us we must maintain property that we do not own. You are telling us we have to pay for something we do not own. I am sure that the legal experts will have a hay day with this. We are not allowed to plant trees on the boulevard, put any flowers pots or any beautification on that portion that the municipality owns. All municipal infrastructure is in the boulevard, we do not have a choice what goes in the boulevard. Presently there is fibre optic lines going through. People are complaining that they are damaging the yards that we are forced to maintain. The contractors are telling people that we have no choice because we do not own it. I spoke to one person that was told that if they harass their workers that they will sue. This is for property we do not own, we do not have a say what goes on. But we are forced to cut the lawn. Now this! If we do not own this portion why do we have to pay for something we do not own. The cost of cutting the grass is 1 tank of gas, about \$20 per year. That is manageable. The cost to fix the driveway portion could cost upwards of \$10 00-1500. This is not manageable. How much more burden? It is required when building on a piece of property that a municipal entrance to the property must be granted to the homeowner, that is put in by the contractor, based on the subdivision agreement. The municipality is required to bring all curb stops for water, storm and sanitary sewers to the As I read this amendment to By-Law # 145-2020, it appears that I am responsible for the replacement of the concrete driveway apron if it gets broken even if was caused by a heavy cement truck backing on to it, while turning around. This is not right! Also in the winter even though we shovel the snow on your sidewalk, because the walk is lower than the lawn and boulevard; water collects and can freeze over night. This is why people walk Please let it clearly state that the boulevard is to be maintained as a grassy area and not a parking spot. In my neighborhood, the 1000 block of James St. Wallaceburg, there are several homeowners/tenants who drive up over the curb and park on the boulevard. Some areas are muddy with deep ruts, some have dumped gravel on their boulevard, pea size and larger, one even tried to remove the curb with a sledge hammer. Those of us who take good care of our yards are frustrated by the impression this gives our area, worried that the value of our homes is decreased and concerned that one day there will be an accident. Whether it is because our view of oncoming traffic is blocked when backing out of our driveways or a child gets hit because they can't be seen. For example, one owner has a garage with a 2.5 car long driveway. He parks in the driveway, the wife parks on the front lawn by the front step and visitors park on the boulevard. There are people who actually believe they can park on anyone's boulevard because it's municipal property. Sarnia, Windsor and London have clearly defined