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To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Request for delegation and correspondence

Dear Community and Operations Services Committee,

I am requesting to make a delegation to the Community and Operations Services Committee regarding the Boulevard Bylaw.

The current bylaw uses antiquated language that needs to be changed for accessibility and equity.

As well, the current bylaw does not follow Ontario court rulings regarding citizen rights to garden on their boulevards (the city currently maintains city gardens that have plants on both sides of sidewalk pathways, has large planters over 3 feet in height on boulevards next to busy intersections, and allows a large patio over 3 feet in height at a busy intersection, and there are many boulevard gardens throughout the city).

The bylaw is also in contravention of the city's own recommendations to residents that can be found on the city website and within the city's Bee City application and renewal. Other cities within Canada and the GTA (ie. Toronto, Vancouver, Kingston., etc) have amended their bylaws in support of biodiversity, as a result of court cases won by plaintiffs, to increase equity and accessibility and to be in line with changing societal beliefs.

I have previously provided information packages (during the June 2025 City Special Council Meeting) to city council members, the mayor and different department heads and commissioners regarding the changes that should occur and specific reasons why these should be altered. Many of these reasons have even been acknowledged by the city through their "Garden Exemption" document.

Specifically, section 1.5 needs to be altered to follow human rights, 1.6.2 and 6.1 needs to be altered to no longer be out of date.

Thank you,
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