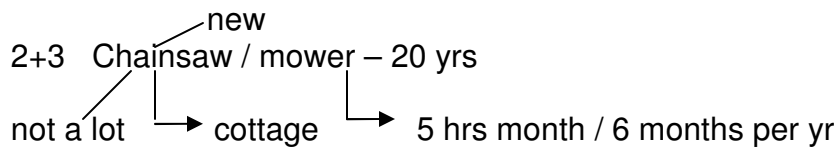


1) Snowblower – 10 yrs (street is plowed every 20 mins !!! so person has to spend a lot of time using blower)



Do you employ ppl. Who use small eng. equip



### Comments

\*Need to think about Transitions

4. Old mower keeps being fixed ... why? – inexpensive  
- reliable  
Would consider buying a “green” option if  
- it is inexpensive

### Manual – Considerations

- not ideal for older ppl.
- some lawns are too large

### Battery

- life
- weight
- does not usually generate power
- other options

Like x less noisy  
- better air quality

↖ “FLYMO”

Electrically   Electrical Mower   not solution in Canada

- unnecessary – one participant enjoys pushing mower
- peace & quiet with manual mower
- cut cord

## PART II

Should the City reg. small eng. equip? Why? Why Not?

Why not?	Why?
<p>*Don't want more City ppl. Involved in regulating life.</p> <p>*People may rebel if they are continually told what to do.</p> <p>*City should not tax ppl. To make them pay for a permit</p> <p>HOW TO BAN ....</p> <p>← Small lawncare companies</p> <p><u>Certification should include:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Meet EPA standards</li><li>2. Training</li></ol> <p>    └─&gt; Safety is important</p>	<p>-If you want to deal with old equip. a lot can be done to get people to us new equipment</p> <p>-With a good <u>incentive</u>, one participant would get a new mower.</p> <p>*Regulate standards at <u>point of sale</u> for industry. Home owners</p> <p>*Lawn care companies, especially small companies need to be certified.</p>

Discussion Re: How to ban or regulate equip cont'd ...

1. Lawncare company certification

- EPA
- Training (safety) ----- may be able to have on-line training
  - ↳ Consider:
    - High turnover
    - Don't want to put ppl. out of business

Toronto Residents	Lawncare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High EPA standards at point of sale</li> <li>○ Have <u>excellent</u> eg. 50% incentives</li> <li>○ Have incentives/continue programs &amp; incentives for recycling</li> <li>*don't make ppl. pay to be responsible</li> <li>○ Can call metal person to pick up scraps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Certification</li> <li>○ Training – common sense</li> <li>○ Equip. Regulations</li> <li>○ Small bus. Could have similar training to lg. businesses</li> </ul> <p><u>Idea:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City could produce a training manual for small business</li> </ul>



- City offers free consultations on Xeriscaping

Discussion:

- irrigation system uses less H<sub>2</sub>O
- \*How to water effectively
  - ▲ this was a useful manual
  - produced by City
- We are seeing more conversion to naturalization
  - More wildlife
- Other front lawns are being paved over why??
  - Basement garage
- City could repeat send outs
  - Don't assume ppl. got the message the one time it was sent out
  - Re-look at and re-send/communicate already existing literature from City on econ lawn care

\*Idea:

Yard refuse bag

have messages printed on bag – eg. Naturalize lawns, etc.

## Discussion #4

What is the most effective?

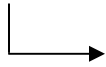
- EPA standards
  - Anything at point of sale
  - Ideally implemented at Federal level. At a minimum provincial.
  - Ban small engine equip at pt. of sale
  - Look at alternative fuel & technologies (eg. Alcohol). Design engines to burn alcohol, etc. (\*Note: Find out alternative tech. exists already in other places ... (eg. Brazil, etc)
    - If you ban really obnoxious leaf blowers, leave open for new ideas
  - If you make it commercially profitable, companies will change
    - Retailers will be excited by “green” equip
    - Lawn care companies need incentives to keep them in business

How to Gain Support??

- \*Get retailers on side why? More sales for them
  - Talk to companies selling “green” equip/solutions
  - Snow blowers – not optional, this is a necessity
  - Gardening is optional

## Snow Blower Discussion

- Why do we need snow blowers?



- Need to decide if these are included?
- Why are snow blowers diff?
  - No better options currently ...? (Mike – please clarify – is this true?)
    - \*but, we need more efficient options that meet EPA standards so ppl. can purchase these
  - Snow blower ban is not an option b/c individuals are required to clear sidewalks by law and some ppl cannot do this (eg. Older ppl.)

### Concerns:

- Lack of turnout
- Small group represents
- \*Need feedback from ppl. who do gardening

### Note:

- Consultation is important, but timeline is also important

#### Question:

\*Can we send out report to all community groups/residents associations, etc.

\*sceptical about attention from advertising in mirror ... consider star, globe ...

\*residents associations

### Idea:

- Advertising at universities
  - Get involved
  - CIP / OPPI

### Comment

- Need City to also take responsibility for sustainable action
  - Eg. TTC, cab are currently idling
- City has aggressive program to educate workers ... but still have a lot of work to do