



IE15.8.57

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Mayor Tory and Members of City Council

RE: IE15.8 - Request to Study the Environmental Impact of Two-Stroke Engine Garden Equipment

The Toronto Noise Coalition (TNC) urges City Council to adopt the recommendations of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for the comprehensive study of the environmental impacts of two-stroke engine garden equipment.

The TNC was established in 2016 to help provide a voice for residents across the City in the development of a new noise bylaw, and continues to advocate for ways to make our City quieter, such as in the case of two stroke engines as the evidence is clear that they are a health hazard with respect to noise and air quality. The new noise bylaw unfortunately only restricted their use in evenings and Sundays and did not recognise their negative impacts on people during the day.

Given the wide interest in this matter, public consultation must be an important part of the study.

Many municipalities have already banned two-stroke engine garden equipment. We look forward to Toronto's belated and much needed updates to regulations to reduce harmful noise and air pollution.

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