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Regarding the feasibility of a ban on two-stroke engine leaf blowers

The Rathnelly Area Residents' Association encourages the committee to support the Member Motion of Councillor James Pasternak and Councillor Shelley Carroll regarding the feasibility of a ban on two-stroke engine leaf blowers. This was item MM 23.3 at City Council on 28 July and item IE15.8 at City Council on 30 September.

This is a serious health and environmental issue that is causing concern in many Toronto neighbourhoods. Residents in our neighbourhood complain of the disruptive noise and air pollution generated by this lawn-care equipment. We also know that use of the equipment contributes to hearing and respiratory health problems for the workers.

We understand that the information in this email will form part of the public record and may appear on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees.

Respectfully submitted,

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