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Subject: My comments for 2022.EC30.4 on May 30, 2022 Economic and Community Development Committee
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To the City Clerk, Chair Thompson, members of the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC):

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 30, 2022 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2022.EC30.4, Report on Outstanding Noise Directives

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Comments:

FROM: Deer Park Residents Group, Ward 22 - Noise and Pollution Action Committee - John Watt - Director.

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DATE; May 23, 2022

We are aware that the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee has recommended against imposing a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers and related equipment, citing a relatively small number of complaints.

The Deer Park Residents Group Noise and Pollution Action Committee wish to formally table OUR COMPLAINT about gas-powered leaf blowers and related equipment as to their significant threat to our collective health as NOISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.

Noise (and hazardous dusts and vapours) due to gas-powered leaf blowers and related equipment continue to be a problem in Deer Park. From our view, the recommendations arising from the report from the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 591, Noise (the Noise Bylaw) are inadequate to reduce noise from gas-powered leaf blowers and other related equipment.

We support immediate action to restrict or ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers and related equipment.

Over 200 municipalities across North America have already done so. We are behind and not leading the way in this area.

For the sake of the environment and the health of everyone in Toronto, please restrict or ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers as soon as possible.

In addition, we request that you invite concerned citizens, including the Deer Park Residents Group and "The Toronto Noise Coalition" group, to be prominently engaged and involved in public consultations and

education programs commencing this summer.

Sincerely,

John Watt, Director, Deer Park Resident Group, Noise and Pollution
Action Committee.