



Tuesday June 27 2023

RE: Agenda Item - 2023. IE5.1- Two-Stroke Engine Small Equipment: Steps to Pursue a Ban

To the Chair, Jennifer McKelvie, and members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

I am writing regarding options to the continued use of two-stroke engines in the City of Toronto. I understand you will consider two options at your meeting on June 28, 2023.

Please register our support of OPTION B, which would result in a BAN on two-stroke equipment, including gas-powered leaf blowers and related garden equipment.

We are very concerned about the adverse impacts of these machines on the health and safety of residents and operators alike, and on the environment of our City.

One hour of leaf blowing equals a 1800-kilometre drive, the same as an 18-hour drive from Toronto to Halifax. Leaf blowers and similar lawn equipment emit dangerous pollutants and generate disruptive noise, both of which harm our ecosystems and pose a threat to our health.

Hundreds of cities across North America have successfully banned leaf blowers and similar lawn equipment. As the fourth largest city in North America, Toronto should demonstrate leadership and ambition in our commitment to reduce carbon emissions by **banning gas-powered leaf blowers and similar lawn equipment city-wide**, going forward.

Their elimination is consistent with the aims of Toronto Council that are expressed in the TransformTO Climate Change Action Strategy that has been previously approved unanimously by Council.

Thank you,

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