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To the IEC City Clerk:

### Item: 2024.IE 12.3

Page 30 of the Transform Toronto Net Zero Progress mentions that; “ 35 per cent of the community-wide GHG emissions in Toronto from passenger cars and trucks and gasoline powered cars and trucks alone accounted for 27 per cent of all community-wide emissions in 2021.”

What is missing from the report is one of the worst gasoline powered polluters is the gas powered 2 cycle commercial leaf blower. Please amend the report to include the two-stroke **gas-powered leaf blower**, which runs on a mix of oil and gas, emits as much pollution in one hour as driving a new light duty car 1100 miles/ 170 kilometers-over 15 hours of driving-about the distance of Toronto to Charlottetown PEI.

Additionally, the United States Environmental Protection Agency says emissions from the 30% unburned gasoline fuel from **leaf blowers** contribute to ozone air pollution and emit fine particles leading to respiratory diseases, cardiovascular issues, and premature death. Their fumes and exhaust give off known carcinogens such as benzene and butadiene.

Please add my comments to the agenda for the March 27, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE12.3, Toronto's Climate Change Readiness: Updates on commitments and a refreshed mandate for coordinating resilience activities.

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