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To: The Infrastructure and Environment Committee,  
City of Toronto

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

EPRA, founded in 2007, is a Residents' Association on the nine square blocks in the northwest quadrant of the Yonge-Eglinton intersection. We have, in our small space, office towers, tall and mid-size apartment blocks, and small houses, and, on our west side, our beloved Eglinton Park. We care about the usual RA matters, like built form and good architecture, but we also take to heart the general well-being of Torontonians, and their experience of life, as residents who need to live together harmoniously and well.

For many of those reasons, we urge you to ban two-stroke outdoor engines, with their dangerous micro-particle emissions and aggravating noise. Their notorious, noxious particulates, we now know ever better, do untold harm to human bodies, both of the men and women who employ the blowers, and to others near them. And their racket shatters the peace of summer days, adding to the urban noise pollution that undermines both peace of mind and health of bodies. We are mindful that the companies that use these devices are often small and fragile, and that the workers there need a steady income. But your legislation offers time for adapting to electric leaf blowers, a good solution. So let's ban these out-dated machines.

Best wishes,  
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