



Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of Climatefast, in respect of [Item IE21.4 - Transitioning Towards Zero-Emission Outdoor Power Equipment](#).

[Climatefast](#) is a Toronto-based climate action group focused on advocating for a socially just reduction in the use of fossil fuels by Toronto governments, businesses and residents as a part of a transition to a low-carbon economy. We wish to express our support for the proposed accelerated phaseout of outdoor power equipment use within the City of Toronto (Option B). Specifically, we endorse Councillor Josh Matlow's amendment with respect to IE21.4 and request that Council recognize the additional funding needed to transition from two-stroke equipment to four-stroke, and ultimately battery-powered equipment where feasible.

We thank you for your consideration of this request. Your action to eliminate this source of noise and air pollution will be a gift to our residents, present and future.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Councillor Josh Matlow

References:

- 1] Staff Report accessed on May 1, 2025:
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-254859.pdf>
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