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TO: Infrastructure and Environment <iec@toronto.ca>

RE: Item 25.13 High Pollution Days and Two Stroke Engines

Dear Vice Chair Colle and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for Item IE25.13 – “High Pollution Days and Two-Stroke Engines.”

Toronto’s air quality has become a growing public health concern. During wildfire smoke events and other high-pollution days, our city’s air often reaches the “Very High Risk” level on the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). On these days, it is critical that we do not worsen conditions by operating two-stroke gas-powered leaf blowers—machines that release toxic emissions, fine particulates, and carcinogenic chemicals directly into our neighbourhood air.

They also contribute to the noise pollution that is facing the City. The sound of these machines is disruptive and dangerous to both the users and the residents that live wherever they are used.

By recommending that City operations, residents, and businesses refrain from using two-stroke engines when the AQHI reaches 7–10, the IEC can take a simple, science-based step to protect the health of children, seniors, outdoor workers, and everyone who breathes Toronto’s air.

This motion is also consistent with the city’s climate goals and the ongoing phase-out of two-stroke equipment, marking a sensible step toward a full transition to cleaner, quieter electric alternatives.

I support a motion by the IEC to enact such an advisory, and to include both two- and four-stroke engine-powered equipment.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of this action for the health and well-being of all Torontonians.

Sincerely,

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