



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 17, 2021 File: 0120-06
To: Council
From: Councillor Soprovich and Councillor Lambur
Re: Notice of Motion regarding Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

Notice of the following motion regarding "Gas Powered Leaf Blowers" will be given at the September 13, 2021 regular Council meeting. At the September 27, 2021 regular Council meeting, after the proposed motion is moved and seconded, discussion on the proposed motion may be held.

Take notice that at the September 27, 2021 regular Council meeting, Councillor Soprovich, with Councillor Lambur as seconder, will move:

WHEREAS the District of West Vancouver is committed to helping citizens enjoy a good quality of life by regulating and enforcing property use and noise issues;

AND WHEREAS although noise is part of urban life, too much noise is disruptive and harmful to residents' wellbeing;

AND WHEREAS feedback received from the public by members of Council frequently cites the issue of noise and emissions from leaf blowers;

AND WHEREAS West Vancouver has declared a Climate Emergency and is working to meet its IPCC targets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to report to Council regarding the feasibility of:

- 1) banning two-stroke gas powered leaf blowers; and
- 2) regulating the noise of electric leaf blowers to 65db or less.



MOVER: Councillor Soprovich



SECONDER: Councillor Lambur

Information Supporting the Notice of Motion

Gas-powered leaf blowers can operate in excess of 90 dbs, which can cause hearing damage after two hours of exposure, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Gas-powered engines also produce emissions that contribute to air pollution in residential neighbourhoods. This motion directs staff to investigate the feasibility of a ban on two-stroke gas-powered leaf blowers, and to explore options that would regulate the maximum noise produced by electric leaf blowers, in order to address the dual issues of

noise and emissions. Both of these issues have been raised by residents, and it would benefit residents for Council to take action to address these concerns.

Financial Implications

Staff time would be required to conduct research, perform the requested analysis, and write a report for Council's consideration.