

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: OUTDOOR GAS POWERED EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council write a letter to Metro Vancouver advocating for stringent emission reduction measures from non-road small equipment and provision of incentives to switch from gas to electric powered equipment.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2021 September 14, adopted the above noted recommendation arising from discussion on the use of outdoor gas powered equipment.

The City is participating in a pilot project with the Burnaby business *Aether Catalyst Solutions Inc.* to evaluate the effectiveness of its catalyst technology to improve emissions from existing gas powered mowers.

In the interest of emission reductions the City does not have the authority under the *Community Charter* to ban the use of outside gas powered tools; however, Metro Vancouver does have the authority to regulate air quality in the region.

2.0 POLICY

The City advocating for stringent emission reduction and provision of incentives to switch from gas to electric powered equipment supports a number of the goals within the City's Climate Action Plan. The partnership also supports the City's Corporate Strategic Plan, as follows:

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Goals

- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life – encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being.
 - Healthy environment – enhance our environmental health resilience and sustainability
- A Dynamic Community
 - Economic opportunity – foster an environment that attracts new and supports existing jobs, businesses and industries

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Environment Committee recommends that Council write a letter to Metro Vancouver advocating for stringent emission reduction measures from non-road small equipment, and provision of incentives to switch from gas to electric powered equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

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