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Item No. 12.3.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting:		
Subject:		
Motion for Council to Consider: That the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report on restricting or banning the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers		
Reason: There is a growing movement across the United States and Canada to restrict the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers due to noise and environmental impacts. Small gasoline engines are very inefficient, with research in California identifying that running a leaf blower for 1 hour is the equivalent of driving a small car 1,770 kms. California has banned the sale of new gasoline leaf blowers starting in 2024 and restrictions have been brought forward elsewhere in Canada including in Montreal, and Oak Bay BC. Other Canadian municipalities such as Victoria, Toronto, Ottawa, and Vancouver are looking at the issue or are planning to phase out gasoline leaf blowers in the future. Given the trend, and how inefficient and noisy leaf blowers are, HRM should look to see if action is needed here.		
Outcome Sought: Staff Recommendation Report		
<i>Councillor Sam Austin</i>	<i>District 5</i>	