

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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LE 22 MARS 2022**

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**MOTION - PHASING OUT USE OF CITY-OPERATED  
GAS-POWERED LAWN AND YARD EQUIPMENT**

**ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0002**

**CITY WIDE**

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## **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council approve:**

- 1. That the Public Works and Environmental Services department (PWES) commit to phasing out the use of gas-powered lawn and yard equipment when said equipment requires replacement and an electric alternative is available that meets operational needs within both city-owned and contracted services; and**
- 2. That phasing-out activities begin as quickly as possible, starting with summer operations planning in Q1 2022 and report back to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management as part of a Departmental Green Equipment Plan in Q4 2022.**

Councillor King introduced his Motion and spoke to provide background. Ms Allyson Downs, Director Parks and Forestry Services, Public Works Department, Mr. Dan Chénier, General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department, Mr. Dave Matschke Deputy Chief, Urban Operations, Emergency and Protective Services Department, and Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Water Services, IWS, were present to respond to questions.

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At the conclusion of questions and discussions, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented, with Councillors G. Darouze and A. Hubley dissenting.

The following Directions to Staff were also provided:

**DIRECTION TO STAFF**

Councillor S. Menard:

That when staff report back on Councillor King's motion they include the feasibility of phasing out gas powered lawn and yard equipment across the City of Ottawa in the community sector, exploring interventions at the procurement and operational level. This report back should include a sector wide scan of other two stroke engine bans, as well as an overview of the progress phasing out equipment in the Rec, Culture & Facilities, Infrastructure & Water Services and Emergency & Protective Services departments, along with Public Works.

Councillor M. Fleury:

1. That the City ensure that its commitment to electrification include tools across the organization;
2. That Finance and Procurement be empowered (through Purchase Orders, Invoices, Fleet, etc.) to ensuring a high level of accountability to this electrification objective, and;
3. That the City exercise caution in setting outcomes for technology if challenges occur as these technologies continue to improve.