

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 20, 2008

**REQUEST FOR STAFF TO REGULATE OR PROHIBIT USE OF LEAF BLOWER
IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Recommendation

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends that:

That staff be directed to review opportunity to regulate or prohibit the use of leaf blowers and to report to the Committee of the Whole after the summer recess.

Economic Impact

NIL

Communications Plan

To be determined.

Purpose

The use of this type of equipment has become a health and safety concern, as this is being used to blow garden leaf and waste from private properties onto public sidewalks and road, where residents and/or motorists may be injured by blowing debris, dust and allergens.

Background - Analysis and Options

Mr. Flavio Franco Misuraca a Maple resident, has sought assistance from this office in a request to have the use of this type of equipment regulated primarily in residential areas.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the Vaughan Vision 2020 strategic initiatives to enhance and ensure community safety, health and wellness.

Regional Implications

None.

Conclusion

It is my feeling that this is a reasonable request and it would be in the best interest of the well being of the residents of Vaughan.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meffe
Councillor, Ward 1