

**Subject: FW: Leaf Blowers**

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2001 9:53 AM

To: Jennifer Robinson

Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: RE: Leaf Blowers

Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Fisher:

My motion re leaf blowers was defeated. Spokespersons of the garden and landscape industry, speaking in support of the staff recommendation NOT to support "Crist's" motion, showed up in considerable numbers. People who are adversely affected by this barbaric practice did not show or speak. Neither did the paid bureaucrats representing public health.

In place of my motion to ban leaf blowers and investigate the use of leaf suction equipment already manufactured, Council adopted the recommendation of the "Manager of Environmental Protection". He suggested that the toxic laden leaves and other toxic debris as may be present on the ground continue to be allowed to be blown about albeit with less noise. He recommended setting up a staff committee to recommend as to how this might be done.

My statement that the toxic laden leaves are a serious health risk and that this material, after impacting people's respiratory systems and lungs, will eventually end up in the ocean to continue its destructive journey through the marine food cycle ending up in humans thus causing more health risks, including cancer, was met with considerable hilarity by the "intelligentsia" present to defend the status quo. District Council was clearly impressed by this group for they all voted in favour of not supporting my motion..

Thank you for your interest and e-mail support.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: Jennifer Robinson

Sent: Monday, November 05, 2001 4:12 PM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: FW: Leaf Blowers

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From: Ed Fischer [<mailto:ed@edgewalls.com>]

Sent: November 5, 2001 4:08 PM

To: belld@dnv.org; infoweb@dnv.org

Subject: Leaf Blowers

To the Mayor and Counsel of the District of North Vancouver


Regarding Leaf Blowers: Please, join other civilized communities like the City of Vancouver and ban these offensive contraptions. I do not believe that most people on the North Shore find the sight of fallen autumn leaves so offensive that they feel the need to have everything here sonically blasted every couple of days just to keep nature in her place. Leaf blowers not only contaminate our environment with stress inducing noise pollution, but also, contrary to their ostensible purpose of contributing to public sanitation, actually endanger public health by filling the air with dust, pollen and bacteria which can be especially harmful to children with allergies and asthma.

Sincerely

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