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Dear Mayor Desjardins and council. I have been perusing the Victoria News dated December 30th, that was delivered to my condo complex today. I am writing to fully support Coun. Armour's motion seeking to have staff explore phasing out gas-powered leaf blowers, lawnmowers and chainsaws used by the township, along with its residents and businesses. I was ecstatic and delighted to read this bit of news. I own a condo at 835 Selkirk Avenue, and I'm happy to say that our current gardening company uses battery-operated gardening equipment. However, across the fence from my unit, a large condo complex that stretches between Craigflower Road and Selkirk Avenue has a gardening company that, when weather permitting, does their work twice a week using gas-powered equipment. The noise from their equipment is so loud that I can barely think straight as I'm usually out on my patio trying to enjoy some peace and quiet. The noise is jarring and usually drives me inside my unit until they leave the area. Please, I implore you to take this issue seriously and move ahead with the suggested exploration of phasing out gas-powered landscaping tools for staff, and including residents and businesses, not only to cut down on environmental pollution, but for me and other homeowners and renters, cutting down the noise pollution. Thank you.

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