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Good evening,

I am writing to talk about the leaf collection service that happens in Burlington, annually in the fall; as of today I have 'benefited' from this program for the 5th time as a resident of Burlington. And frankly I am really questioning the benefit of this program.

I understand that this program is provided at a cost, although I am not aware of how much this program costs the residents of Burlington. As a taxpaying resident, I would have to suggest that my dollars could be better spent elsewhere.

My observations about this program are that some residents (definitely not all in my neighbourhood) move leaves from their lawn (usually with a noise polluting leaf blower), well in advance of the roadside curb collection date; not surprisingly a good gust of wind tends to send them every which way.

Then collection day happens, which, as witnessed today, is truly an inefficient non-environmentally friendly process; front loader machinery pushes & collects the leaves into dump trucks, which is then followed up by a street cleaner machine! And it's hit & miss regarding how effective this all is, as there are mashed leaves left at the curbside when all is said and done.

As a resident, with trees on my property and adjoining boulevard, I understand & accept that annually in the fall I will have leaves to attend too; I can rake & bag them, mulch them or both.

As of today, I still have trees that have leaves yet to fall, so the leaf collection activity of today is really of no impactful benefit to me (or my neighbours) as we all still have the task of raking, bagging &/or mulching the leaves that are yet to fall.

And so, I would ask those responsible for this program to give it careful consideration for the 2025 season & seriously consider whether or not it is truly beneficial to the taxpaying residents of Burlington.

Thank you for you time & consideration.

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Ward 1 resident.