November 20, 2020

Stephanie Troyer-Boyd,
Municipal Clerk,
Municipality of Lambton Shores,
7883 Amtelecom Parkway,
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RE: Municipal Led Gypsy Moth Spraying Program

This is in response to Council’s decision on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, to defer the Report from Kevin Williams, Chief Administrative Officer and to provide an opportunity for the public at large to provide comment.

We understand that representatives of 14 Subdivisions within Lambton Shores have already provided input to Council and their desire to see a Municipal led Gypsy Moth Spraying Program in early spring of 2021.

After doing some research of this Topic and discussions with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority as well as with some of our neighbours, including Mayor Bill Weber, we see a Municipal led Gypsy Spraying Program as the most logical, and certainly the most cost effective, method to stem further damage to our precious last piece of the Savannah Oak Forest. In 2014, many areas in Lambton Shores suffered great loss of their forested areas as the result of a five-minute tornado. We ourselves lost over 50 trees, most of which were mature Red and White Oaks. We, as well as our neighbours, planted countless trees to replace the lost trees. We would hate to see further loss of trees in our wonderful subdivisions. We are particularly concerned that we may have a mild winter which will certainly exacerbate the Gypsy Moth Pandemic.
Finally, we do hope that the Province of Ontario will seriously consider spraying the Pinery Provincial Park and save its beautiful forest and stop the Gypsy Moth travelling north into Huron Woods, Beach O’Pines and Southcott Pines. Perhaps certain sections of the Pinery can be safely sprayed and thus contain the further spread of the Gypsy Moth.

We fully support an effective Municipal led Gypsy Moth Spraying Program early next year and would gladly pay our fair share of the costs. We understand from the ABCA that a safe and an effective Gypsy Moth Spraying Program would cost approximately $125 per acre.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

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