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Mayor and Council,
Municipality of Lambton Shores

Dear Mayor Weber and Members of Council,

My name is David Small and I live in Port Franks. The trees on my property and those adjacent to mine were all but destroyed this summer from the Gypsy moth infestation.

If this threat is not dealt with on a municipal scale there will be multiple huge trees, both evergreen and deciduous that will be killed as they barely made it through this year- and some have died already as the needles were all gone.

Neighbors have had to pay huge sums to have their destroyed trees removed. I face this same situation. This threat needs to be managed by the municipality.

I expected full cooperation in this respect and I am severely disappointed and appalled at your response (Mayor) and of some of the councillors as well. My vote will be heard as I, along with every resident in Lambton shores affected by this , if you continue to ignore your responsibility and do not act to control on a municipal level this issue.

Not only are multiple huge beautiful trees going to die, I was disgusted with the mess this infestation delivers. I could not even sit in my yard all summer! This is not an over exaggeration. I literally did not sit in my yard all summer. There were poop droppings raining down incessantly and covered everything.

I believe a reasonable request to act has been put forth by the residents and as I understand, surrounding municipalities have acted in a much more agreeable manner and have taken action. I'd like to see the same from you , Mayor, and from all councillors.

I have read the contents of staff report CAO-06-2020, and suggest that this report is not a call for municipal leadership in this matter, but rather an excuse to avoid it. As property owners, we pay considerable taxes to this municipality and expect support and cooperation as this is your obligation to those who voted.

All of you when elected took an oath to act in the best interests of this municipality.

The Gypsy Moth is a threat to all of us. The Municipal Act directs municipalities to have policies that shall protect and enhance the tree canopy within their jurisdictions. Aerial spraying of BTK for the area bounded by Thedford, Port Franks and North Bosanquet in May 2021 will greatly impact the mortality of the Gypsy Moth larvae. By taking a leadership role to coordinate that spraying effort, the municipality will achieve an economy of scale that will make the spraying affordable. Additionally, it can be done in a fair and equitable manner to the satisfaction of various parties affected. Please act in everyone's best interest to manage this public, economic and environmental health challenge.

Respectfully,

David Small
Port Franks, Ontario