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To: 2018 Council
Subject: gypsy moth spraying

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Dear councillors:

We have recently become aware of a campaign to spray BTK on a large scale in Lambton Shores. We are the current co-presidents of Lambton Wildlife, the group that owns and manages the Karner Blue Sanctuary on Nipigon Street in Port Franks, a property created to conserve important butterfly habitat. We are distressed to learn that so many neighbours are in favour of an activity that could do such damage to our local butterfly populations. Our organization has recently invested \$25,000 in the effort to re-introduce the endangered Mottled Duskywing butterfly to the Lambton Shores area, so it is especially disheartening that all of these efforts could be undermined by temporary control of a single species.

We understand the desire to protect our local trees, but this should not be done at the expense of other species. Gypsy Moths have been in our area for decades. Our trees have survived Gypsy Moth outbreaks in the past, and they will need to survive them again, regardless of how much we spray. Thank you for your consideration.

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Lambton Wildlife Co-presidents

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