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Dear Lambton Shores Council,

I am writing to add my name to the many residents who have been adversely impacted by a Gypsy Moth infestation on my property and would like to request Lambton Shores involvement in organizing a blanket BTK spray in the spring of 2021.

According to my research and eye witness accounts from the past season their potential for tree damage and property value loss is too great to ignore. Also, with the amount of defoliation last season near the Pinery and along Hwy 21, it is clear that we need to be better stewards of our most important treasure. We must remember that our forests are one of the key resources that bring many tourists to the area. We depend on these visitors for our economic stability.

The following list includes additional reasons for Lambton Shores to consider taking an active role in the remediation of these pests.

- Invasive species can attack 500 native trees/shrubs
- Defoliation stresses trees potentially killing them
- Skin rashes/respiratory problems
- Research of sprays show no impact on humans/other animals
- Defoliation makes trees more susceptible to disease and damage from other insects
- Evergreens often die after only one defoliation
- Destruction of oaks affects deer and squirrel who rely on acorns for winter food
- Raccoons will eat, and therefore increase raccoon populations resulting in potential increase in rabies
- GM are an introduced species & not native to this area
- A haphazard approach to remediation is ineffective, leading to the reason to promote a blanket area spray
- Timing and application to entire canopy essential to remediation

Thank you for considering a blanket spray of the area.

Sincerely,  
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