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Subject: CAO 06-2020 Gypsy Moth Outbreak
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Please include the following correspondence in the Lambton Shores Council agenda December 1, 2020.

Dear S Troyer-Boyd Clerk

Mike and I have worked collectively with the Port Franks community, reading academic and scientific articles; following blog posts; reviewing pamphlets and newspaper articles and attending meetings gaining useful information about the gypsy moth. We began using the tools we had at hand: spraying with BTK and Home Defense and picking gypsy moth caterpillars off trees daily (May-July). The gypsy moths were fully visible on our one acre property, adjacent Municipal property, and the nearby forests. The gypsy moth population exploded and hours were spent collecting and sweeping and cleaning the mess, daily.

The community group of unpaid dauntless volunteers considered options and possibilities; researched and collated; videotaped and travelled helping to provide information and support to us and to council.

What did the Report CAO 06-2020 Gypsy Moth Outbreak mean to Mike and I: The report is a double-minded attitude and does not relieve the tension and anxiety between our community and the Municipal position. It is embarrassing and a stop-gap and bleak position. The refusal to meet with our representative to discuss the communities view is disappointing. We feel our voice has not been heard and it is hard to imagine another spring and early summer of gypsy moth pestilence.

A policy that supports the Municipality spraying of impacted areas is needed. We need the participation of Lambton Shores council to support and fund the infected areas of the gypsy moth infestation. Another option is to support the proposal to pay for spraying as initially proposed by our representative Dr. Romaine Smith-Fullerton. By working together our trees may be saved and the future will be healthier.

Sincerely,

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