

November 19, 2020

Mayor and Council
Municipality of Lambton Shores

Dear Mayor Weber and Members of Council:

Please take a leadership role in the coordination of an aerial spray program to reduce the impacts of the gypsy moth infestation in Lambton Shores in 2021 and beyond.

I am a resident of Southcott Pines and witnessed the devastation of the trees on my property, my neighbours' properties and the larger community in spring and summer 2020 due to the gypsy moth infestation. The devastation in and around Pinery Provincial Park was particularly horrific; I don't want to see bare branches on thousands of compromised trees in my community. So, I did my research and dutifully wrapped duct tape and burlap around the trunks of my oak, maple and pine trees. I scooped caterpillars into buckets of soapy water. And I am now scraping egg sacs off my home and my trees into soapy water, and will continue to do so for the next several months as I feel I must do my part to protect my trees and my neighbours' trees. However, I know that my actions will have a negligible effect on the overall infestation and that targeted aerial spraying of BTK is the best option for mitigating the effects of this invasive species next year and in the years to come.

The Municipality has a responsibility to manage a coordinated aerial spraying program to assist the landowners in our efforts to protect our Carolinian tree canopy. This is truly a challenge that tax payers can not overcome without your leadership.

Sincerely,

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