

From: [Mark Sherman](#)
To: [Stephanie Troyer-Boyd](#)
Cc: [Dan Sageman](#); [Bill Weber](#)
Subject: Re: Gypsy Moth Control
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Dear Ms. Stroyer-Boyd,

I am writing in support of the request that the Municipality of Lambton Shores take action to control the anticipated Gypsy Moth re-infestation in our community in Spring of 2021.

This past summer and fall many areas of the municipality experienced a severe outbreak of this destructive pest that caused extensive damage to our trees. All indications are that we should expect the same, or even greater, outbreak next spring. It is my fear, shared by many, that such a reoccurrence would potentially kill many trees, not only in our neighborhoods, but in surrounding areas, such as Pinery Provincial Park. This would have a devastating effect on the beauty of our environment. In addition, the demise of our forests could potentially negatively impact the survival of birds and animals which are an important part of our ecosystem. Further, an accumulation of dead trees would increase the possibility of fire hazard. Finally, such destruction could have economic impacts, including to the local tourism industry, which would also have ripple effects on other aspects of the local economy, such as shops and restaurants that depend on visitors to our community.

It is my belief that the best way to control an outbreak of Gypsy Moth would be through an aerial spray programme, the details of which I believe have already been relayed to council. Further, I believe that the most efficient way to deploy such a programme would be for it to be coordinated by Lambton Shores Council. I believe it is the duty of our elected officials to take action to protect our environment and our economy from this threat. I do recognize that other methods of control have been recommended (sticky tape, burlap wrap, and scraping of egg masses). I, and many other residents have used these methods, but with limited effectiveness.

I understand of course that a spray programme has a financial cost to whomever will be paying (whether through taxes or direct billing to property owners), however, in my estimation, this cost would be far less than the potential costs (financial and otherwise) of not effectively controlling an outbreak.

I respectfully request that this communication be included in the agenda for the upcoming meeting of council on December 1, 2020 for the consideration of the members of council.

Yours truly,
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