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**Subject:** Message from the Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing with me a copy of the Public Works Committee Report regarding the City of Hamilton's gypsy moth infestations. I understand your concerns and the financial pressures municipalities and property owners face with this issue.

Gypsy moth populations are likely to continue to rise and fall because of natural controls (for example, viruses, fungi and parasites) that eventually help to manage and eliminate outbreaks. Much like tent caterpillar and spruce budworm, this species has reached a stage in Ontario where they are manageable at a local level.

My ministry will continue to support municipalities with gypsy moth defoliation monitoring, training and scientific advice where needed. While I appreciate your request for financial assistance, my ministry will not be providing funds to municipalities or private land owners.

If you would like more information on forest health monitoring support, please contact Dan Rowlinson, Forest Health Field Coordinator, Science and Research Branch, at [dan.rowlinson@ontario.ca](mailto:dan.rowlinson@ontario.ca) or (705) 946-7445.

Again, thank you for writing.

Best,

Kathryn McGarry  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry