

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: June 14, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. VANDERBEEK.....

Gypsy Moth Control Program (City Wide)

WHEREAS, European Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar dispar*) is a non-native, invasive pest to Ontario that defoliates many tree species;

WHEREAS, year on year defoliation of the trees by the European Gypsy Moth caterpillars may lead to tree mortality; and,

WHEREAS, areas of the City of Hamilton are currently experiencing infestations of European Gypsy Moth;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to monitor European Gypsy Moth outbreaks in the City of Hamilton, including, but not limited to, rural areas, through egg mass counts in 2021 and develop a 2022 control program and report back to the Public Works Committee for approval; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to create a Capital funding detail sheet for a European Gypsy Moth Control Program to be considered as part of the 2022 capital budget process in preparation for aerial spraying and / or other methods of control the Spring of 2022.