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To:	Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis	Date:	December 4, 2020
From:	Heather Hewitt, Intermediate Planner, Region of Peel	Subject:	Town of Caledon resolution relating to Peel Urban Forest Working Group and Gypsy Moth Infestations
CC:	Mark Head, Adrian Smith, Region of Peel, Brian Baird, Town of Caledon, Victoria Kramkowski, TRCA	Our File:	

The purpose of this memo is to update you on actions taken to date in response to the Gypsy Moth Infestations Town of Caledon memo and resolution passed at Town Council meeting on July 7th, 2020. This resolution was on the Regional Council agenda for receipt on July 23rd, 2020.

Town of Caledon Council Request

At the Town of Caledon Council meeting held on July 7th, 2020, Town Council adopted a resolution regarding a request to engage the Peel Urban Forest Working Group (PUFWG) in an effort to address insect infestations, particularly Gypsy Moth Infestations.

The Town Council resolution reads as follows: "That the Peel Urban Forestry Group be requested to develop a consistent approach to address insect infestations, including Gypsy Moth, and report back to the Region of Peel."

Regional Council Resolution

The Caledon Council resolution was received by Region of Peel Council on July 23 and was referred to Public Works staff for follow up (Region of Peel Council resolution 2020 635).

Regional Staff Response

In response to the Region of Peel Council resolution the following actions have been undertaken:

1. Inventoried Actions – staff compiled an inventory of current Gypsy Moth activities being undertaken by the PUFWG partners, which include the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, Town of Caledon, Credit Valley Conservation and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.
2. Staff met with Peel Public Health to discuss their involvement in Gypsy Moth management.
3. Facilitated a discussion on coordinated consistent actions to address Gypsy Moth management with PUFWG members and partner agency forestry staff.

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4. Drafted a preliminary list of coordinated actions that forestry program staff could implement in the short term within existing budgets.
5. Met with PUFWG to refine and agree on coordinated actions that forestry program staff could implement in the short term.
6. Presented and discussed this list of coordinated action items with Councilor Innis, Region, Town and TRCA staff.

List of Coordinated Gypsy Moth Action Items

The following list of short term coordinated actions for Gypsy Moth management are recommended for implementation by PUFWG members:

1. Collaboratively share Best Management Practices for Gypsy Moth Management in the Region of Peel and work towards a consistent approach to management (ongoing).
2. Host Stewardship Workshops in partnership with local municipality and conservation authority to educate private landowners on gypsy moth management on their lands.
 - TRCA staff are currently researching ways to deliver such a service in 2021.
3. Provide coordinated information on local municipal and conservation authority websites on Gypsy Moth management.
 - TRCA is developing a Gypsy Moth web page including examples and a demonstration video of measures residents can take to control Gypsy Moth on their property.
 - Once available, online information will be available to provide to residents wanting information to manage Gypsy Moth infestation/occurrences on private property.
4. Continue to coordinate and share Gypsy Moth management as standing item on the PUFWG meeting agenda.

Conclusions and Next Steps

Caledon's memo, and the Town of Caledon and Region of Peel Council resolutions have been circulated to partner agencies of the PUFWG by Peel staff. A Gypsy Moth working group composed of forestry staff from partner agencies of the PUFWG have met to discuss and coordinate ideas for a response to the Town of Caledon. Ideas from this meeting have been reviewed by PUFWG members as well as staff from the Region, TRCA, Town of Caledon and Councillor Innis. It is our understanding that the TRCA and Town of Caledon staff will be implementing coordinated actions to complement efforts that may be undertaken by residents on private lands.

Staff will continue to work with the PUFWG and forestry staff from partner agencies to finalize and implement our coordinated list of Gypsy Moth actions. It is our intention to report back to Region of Peel Council through the next reporting cycle for the PUFWG in the Spring 2021 when progress on the Urban Forest Best Management Practices work is completed.