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Date: June 28, 2021

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Re: LDD Moth (European Gypsy Moth) Infestation

Recommendations:

1. The Infrastructure and Environment Committee request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to increase their efforts in addressing the LDD Moth (European Gypsy Moth) infestation in the Seven Oaks Community located in Scarborough-Guildwood; where there is a high density of oak trees and other species of trees impacted by the infestation on both public and private property to understand what can be done to deal with the annual LDD Moth (European Gypsy Moth) infestation:
 - a. Through the distribution of relevant information to households as well as social media platforms;
 - b. Host a public community meeting for all residents of the Seven Oaks community, Scarborough-Guildwood.
2. Request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee at the December 1, 2021 committee meeting to speak on the efforts taken.

Background

Seven Oaks is a beautiful community located in Scarborough-Guildwood bounded by Hwy 401, Ellesmere Road, Morningside Avenue to Markham Road. For several years, the community has experienced an alarming increase of the LDD Moths (European Gypsy Moth) infestation. Negatively impacting the safety hazard of the community and its urban tree canopy.

LDD Moths consume the regeneration tissues of trees causing them to expire, contact with the LDD Moth can also cause skin irritation. There is an alarming growing number of LDD Moths in the community, it has become necessary for further action from the City to protect individuals in the community as well as the threatened tree canopy.

Attachment 1: LDD Moth (European Gypsy Moth)

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/trees/forest-management/threats-to-trees-insects/european-gypsy-moth/>

Sincerely,

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