

York Region Vacant Land Condominium Corporation 968

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RE: NOTICE – Gypsy Moths

Gypsy Moths are an invasive caterpillar that are affecting many regions in Ontario to varying degrees and, until now, mostly skipped the Ballantrae community.

York Region provides detailed information about gypsy moth

<https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/environment/yr/forests/LDDmoth/LDDmoth>

Early season inspections did not indicate signs of gypsy moth but, as of recent they have made their presence known. We have contacted our Arborist, Davey Tree, to inspect and provide options for treatment and/or prevention. Davey Tree advises that the window to do the necessary *preventative* measures is in April and early May but there are ways we can head them off from a far worse season next year.

Davey Tree advises that there is a spray option available for treatment at this stage. This treatment is effective at reducing the current population at the time of treatment, but does not prevent the caterpillars from returning. Unfortunately, the insecticide used for treatment categorized as a “red label” product and poses health and environmental risks beyond what the board believes to be within the threshold of the community.

The Board of Directors and Management are currently investigating options with industry professionals for plans to prevent/control next seasons possible outbreak.

During the current season there are a few things home owners can do to help reduce the populations. The link above, to the York Region webpage, contains details and videos on home prevention ideas.

We will be providing burlap banding kits for any residents who wish to try this method. Your kit will include a piece of burlap, twine to tie it and a print out of the instructions. You may pick up your kit from the Rec Centre during business hours Monday to Friday.

Thank you & kind regards,

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