

SKOOTAMATTA DISTRICT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

April 17, 1986

Dear Member:

The following are notes in point form only taken from presentations made at the Spring Seminar of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations held last Saturday, April 12 here in Toronto. We hope you will find this information helpful in answering many of the questions raised on the subjects of Gypsy Moths and Road Allowances as well as other timely and interesting topics.

I Presentation from Stephen Nicholson, Application Specialist,  
Pest Control Section, Ministry of Natural Resources, Maple  
District, "GYPSY MOTH"

- have been apparent in Canada since 1969
  - each eat about 1 sq.ft of leaf per day
  - they attack foliage early in the year (Spring)
  - continued defoliation will cause (over a period of years) death of trees
  - attack over 500 types of foliage, almost everything but poison ivy and Astroturf
  - in April egg masses are found on tree trunks (about 100M eggs per mass) on docks, under rocks, almost everywhere. They are laid in the Fall and can be transported on vehicles to hatch in Spring.
  - in 1986, 250,000 hectares centred around our area and are spreading
  - expect 2M Acres throughout SouthEast Ontario in the not too distant future
  - The Gypsy Moth prefers oak over and above all other foliage
  - the MNR has decided to fund 9 counties to help deal with this and to contain the spread - this includes Lennox & Addington.
  - Six airports are being prepared in Southern Ontario for the application by aerial spraying (one at the top of Mazinaw Lake).
  - expect to see major activity of bi-planes and some multi-engine aircraft (up to 200) and helicopters.
  
  - The new technology 1) takes only about one-half gallon of spray material per acre to get results, 2) highly discriminate ability to pin point application.
  - BT will be used in this year's spray program. It is a biological insecticide and affects only moths, not other forms, i.e. spiders, fish, mammals
  - the process introduces bacteria into the Gypsy Moth by infection
  - this insecticide is supplied from the U.S.
  - signs will be posted in areas being sprayed through the government program
  - most spraying will be done between 5 - 8:00 a.m. as this may be the most potent time to spray the caterpillars. There are only about 20 hours total that the treatment can be effected each Spring.
  - every effort will be made to avoid application into the watershed, which is controlled by spotter planes
  - there will be approximately 50,000 hectares of Crown as well as 50,000 hectares of private land under the co-operative program that will be sprayed
  - spraying will begin about the May 24th weekend and treatments may be repeated
- This is a problem that cannot be eliminated only controlled !!

NOTE: We understand that all property owners were contacted about two weeks ago, by mail, from Lennox & Addington county regarding the government's planned Gypsy Moth spraying program potentially to take place in the next month, inviting all cottagers to participate in their program. Please note that those interested in participating in the project should have submitted their application by now, or should do so immediately to be included.

If you did not receive an application, or formal notification, inviting your participation you should contact the following party right away:

COUNTY OF LENNOX & ADDINGTON  
GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM  
POSTAL BAG 1000  
NAPANEE, ONTARIO  
K7R 3S9

For more information: (613) 354-5700

II Presentation from Les Fincham, Director, Plans Administration, Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

- Updates were provided on numerous topical cottage planning issues reports are available from the Ministry on some of the following: Niagara Escarpment Plan, Flood Plain Policy, Citizens' Guide to the Planning Act, and the Lakeshore Capacity Volume.
- Limited Service Zoning is being proposed by the Province. The Municipality distinguishes between seasonal and permanent residency, then outlines in detail services which should be explored
- while full taxes are paid, full services may not be offered
- services provided on a less than equitable basis
- Seasonal residents have voiced the feeling that they should not have to pay full taxes
- the Municipality will introduce a Limited Services Area official plan and then define the services to be provided therefore, no surprises.
- could apply on a seasonal or services by geographical basis
- this is a program to encourage Municipalities to be more up-front as to the services available

Road Allowances

- many Municipalities are selling these to residents
- costs to the Municipality involve the Survey itself, as well as the costs to sell the property to the cottager.
- it is the Ministry's view that the Municipality may sell these properties to the cottager.
- the Township of Georgian Bay have a 5 page document that explains the process
- it is the personal opinion of the speaker that these properties be bought by the cottager, 1) to gain control from the Municipality and 2) to secure future ownership since it could be sold to someone else even though first refusal is given to the adjoining land owner.

III Presentation from Alan Dewar, Director, Provincial Affairs Secretariat,  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs  
Advisory Committee on Municipal Elections

- Municipal Election Act currently under review
- seeking submissions in writing from groups such as F.O.C.A.
- categories for consideration include:
  - . Enumeration Process - who can vote
  - . Nomination Process
  - . Qualification of Candidates
  - . Fund Raising - Tax Deductability
  - . Accessibility of Voting - Polling Hours
  - . Date of Election
  - . Voter Turnout
- your comments on the above or other issues can be directed to Mr. Dewar.

IV Presentation by William Davis, Canadian Envoy to Acid Raid Commission

- joint report by Mr. Davis and U.S. representative Drew Lewis tabled recently
- gained popular acceptance in U.S. and was the first sign of acknowledgement by the U.S. Administration that the Acid Raid problem exists and must be dealt with
- gained commitment from both Canada and the U.S. to fund research into technology to combat acid rain.

Bruce Schwenger (416) 691-4844  
President  
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Dear Member:

Here is a service for spray of chemical or bacterial insecticide being offered by a private applicator. Mr. Wellman will be making a presentation on the merits of his service over-and-above the government spraying on SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1986. Please contact me at (416) 586-3777 (working hours) or at (416) 691-4844 (home) for exact time and location. BRUCE SCHWENGER

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March 10, 1986.

SUBJECT: Gypsy Moth

My company has developed a new and effective approach to dealing with the problems of the gypsy moth in all stages of growth.

Our tractor mounted mist sprayer, actually displaces the air in and around the trees with the provincially approved biological insecticide. We can attain heights of 80 feet and spray horizontally 120 feet due to our unique spray head which rotates 60 degrees.

Other companies are offering a service, but they are trying to adapt pressure sprayers which were designed for lawns or crops not trees. Therefore, these systems are not suitable for the job at hand. That is why up until recently, a provincially funded grant applied only to aerial spraying.

We have addressed the Honourable Vincent Kerrio, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, with regard to changing Bill 107 to allow the grant to apply to private landowners who perform ground spraying using mist sprayers. We have also been in contact with your local MPP and received verbal support to amend Bill 107 to include ground spraying with mist sprayers.

I have personally committed my fullest attention to this problem and have direct contact with the major companies to keep abreast of all insecticides but primarily B.T.

Enclosed is some current information regarding the present situation. Please note, it is expected that infested areas will exceed 1,000,000 hectares by the end of 1986. The effect of this situation can be reduced and with our special equipment, we are confident that our service will be beneficial. Therefore please contact us by phoning our province-wide answering service who will relay your message to us at no cost to you.

We hope by working together that we can control the problem of the Gypsy Moth.

Sincerely yours,



David E. Wellman