

MOTION:**City of Mississauga Commit to Aerial Spraying in 2022**

Whereas our urban canopy and forests do much more than beautify the scenery. They represent an important investment in environmental condition, human health and overall quality of life;

Whereas TD Economics estimates that urban trees are valued at about \$700 per tree;

Whereas the last number of years, our neighbourhoods, especially in areas such as Lorne Park, Gordon Woods and Mineola have been plagued with the Emerald Ash Borer, Gypsy Moth, Cankerworms, ice storms and drought;

Whereas the City last sprayed for the Gypsy Moth and Cankerworms in 2018 which did briefly provide relief;

Whereas there are very few years left where our tree canopy can survive without greater intervention;

And Whereas the City of Mississauga and surrounding municipalities decided not to aerial spray residential areas this year despite data from the Integrated Pest Management Program and the window of opportunity has passed.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Mississauga move forward with budgeting and planning of an aerial spray of BTK for affected areas in 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Ras".