

**SLOE – Jayson MacLean**

(1) *Gypsy Moth Infestation* - a resident of OOE North has brought to our attention that there are trees at the east end of Montcalm Street that last summer were infested with *Gypsy Moths*, an invasive species.

Last year, local residents did some work in scraping off egg sacs to try to stem the tide, as it were, but were hoping for more help this year.

Discussions were had with the City and with the provincial Ministry of Transportation, as the trees are actually on MTO land (by the on-ramp to the highway).

In response, MTO has cut back some of the overhanging branches but won't do any further work as far as the moths go. In our more recent discussions with the City, they've said they're in the midst of reevaluating their approach to the gypsy moth and will have further direction out in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, as for this particular infestation, Jason Pollard with Forestry said residents can keep at it with the scraping. SLOE will update the CA further on.

(2) *Energy Evolution Event* - Thursday, April 15, 7:30 pm

Old Ottawa South's environment committee is hosting a discussion on the City's Energy Evolution, the action plan to meet Ottawa's emissions targets over the next three decades. Members of the OOE and Glebe CA Boards as well as the general public are welcome to attend. There'll be two reps from the City's Climate Unit to speak on it, followed by a Q&A period. See the Environment Crew of Old Ottawa South's [facebook page](#) for details on registration and the zoom link.

(3) Just an FYI, Ecology Ottawa's *Tree Giveaway*, planned for April and May has been cancelled due to the recent COVID restrictions.