**Pine Sawfly Service in Pointe au Baril**

While it has been the policy of PaBIA not to endorse any one local business over others, in this current environment, we have an infestation threatening our cherished pine trees. As such we have decided to bring to our members’ attention this important news about a viable and now more affordable solution to this serious situation.

Over the last number of years, our Island community has been plagued with the pine sawfly. It and several other “bug” species have racked havoc in certain places, on pine, birch and other of our native trees. It’s often a wonder to us how our trees grow in this awesome but somewhat barren landscape we all love and cherish. The Environmental Committee has endeavoured to find a solution that could work for everybody.

Several years ago, a group of islanders contracted with Bartlett Tree Experts to come from their location in Bracebridge, Ontario, to inoculate our infested trees; their program works - the trees survived. It was, however, quite expensive as the folks from “Bartlett” had to trailer their boat here from Bracebridge; and we all know what that’s like.

In an effort to make this service available on a regular basis for individual cottagers, on a more cost effective basis, Neil West’s Northern Pest Control, located right here in Pointe au Baril, and Bartlett Tree Experts have joined forces to offer Pointe au Baril Islanders a service to get rid of infestations on their properties.

For further information regarding their joint program, please email **Neil West**.