

Move Town of South Bruce Peninsula Forward

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Editor:

I thought when Janice Jackson, councillor for the town of South Bruce Peninsula, supported Mayor John Close sending a letter to the provincial government and agreed with the economic development committee when they supported sewer and water for Sauble Beach, she had finally broken the shackles which attached her to some cottagers.

But alas, she read, she heard, she thought and penned a letter to council berating Mayor Close for his efforts to bring better things to the town by taking forward council's requests to MPP Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP Lou Rinaldi, his parliamentary assistant.

Having spent over four years collecting information, making requests for testing the water at Sauble Beach, as well as persuading council to initiate septic system testing for the town, I would suggest Coun. Jackson do her due diligence and research the information available to her in engineer's reports, reports from citizens and visual inspection of the general conditions of wells and septic systems in all parts of our town. Ask the Grey Bruce Health Unit what would be the best plan for the town. I am sure they could give you some very good suggestions.

How many rental cottages in Sauble post their water as "not potable" for liability reasons?

How many visitors to Sauble Beach have had an E. coli infection?

How many times in recent years has Sauble Beach been posted "not fit for swimming?"

More importantly, does Coun. Jackson know that a child almost died from an E. coli infection in our town?

Thank God she didn't but she did suffer a grand mal seizure which lasted a considerable length of time.

My advice to Coun. Jackson is not to listen to those who would live in the 19th century and use an outhouse as opposed to having indoor plumbing and trying to move our town forward as a modern, proactive municipality.

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