

# Sauble Residents Can't Afford Sewers

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Editor:

Here we go again. Obviously the mayor and some members of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula council didn't like our first response at the community meetings so they're at it again.

Is this council hard of hearing or are they just set on achieving their own agendas and don't care the least bit about the wishes and concerns of Sauble residents?

I cannot believe the council and the mayor when they brush off this letter to the ministry as being "paranoia" of Sauble residents. I guess you would have a different thought if you were paying for sewers, not us. Of course we are worried every time the mention of Sauble sewers comes up. We can't afford them.

How many times do we have to inform you that sewers are not necessary for the majority of residents in Sauble. If downtown businesses want sewers, then let them pay for them, not us.

We have repeatedly told you through letters, e-mails, public meetings, newspaper articles, documented reports, etc., etc., that sewers are not necessary in Sauble.

Absolutely no one has shown that sewers are needed nor are they necessary.

If this council wants sewers in Sauble, I have a great idea - you can compensate the homeowners who cannot afford sewers. We will lose our homes. Will you pay for them if the homeowner can't possibly afford them?

This idea of sewers will cost you absolutely nothing. Do you realize that you are going to make us pay mega dollars for these sewers? Not you - us!

No one has any idea what the cost will be but it certainly is not going to be cheap. You first have the huge initial cost of the sewage treatment plant, then the hookup costs (if your house is not close to the road, it will be very expensive). Then you have the monthly costs and possible increases each year and then there will be upgrades, etc, etc. Ask the municipal water homeowners about increasing costs.

Now think about it - this is the Sauble residents' financial burden - not the council, nor the mayor. They don't have to pay anything. We do. The majority live elsewhere.

Where is the democracy, where is the justice? This entire fiasco has absolutely nothing to do with the water quality. This whole sewage discussion is for the developers, the investors and the town to increase the commercial profits as well as the town funds.

Give it up. Leave us alone. We have enough problems trying to keep up with increased costs of hydro, taxes, gas, telephone, etc. We love Sauble Beach the way it is. Why would you want to spoil a natural location? Why do you want a concrete city like Grand Bend or Wasaga? Sauble is beautiful.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula council is the voice of the constituents. We voted you in. Sauble residents voted for the councillors who were not in favour of sewers. It was an

overwhelming vote against sewers. When we voted you in, we expected you to listen to the people, hear our opinions and concerns.

This entire sewer issue is a "no brainer" - if the downtown core wants and needs sewers, then let them pay for it - not the rest of the Sauble residents who do not need a sewer system.

You have caused this "paranoia" through repeated attempts to push sewers on us.

The strategic community plan is a sham for Sauble residents - it's a tactic to push sewers on Sauble.

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