

# Area Dependent on Safe, Clean Sauble Beach

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Editor:

Both the Warton Echo and The Owen Sound Sun Times carried a letter written by Gail Mason of Sauble Beach.

I don't remember an election where the Sauble residents voted her spokesperson of Sauble Beach. She stated that "Sewers are not needed nor are they necessary in Sauble."

Who is she to make a statement like this? Every engineer and every health official that has been asked for a report has stated that Sauble is potentially in trouble if some sort of sewer system isn't implemented. The beach area (including the First Nation) is the drawing card for the thousands of annual visitors that The Town of South Bruce Peninsula enjoys.

Property sales are dependent on the beach being uncontaminated as are the sales made at the numerous restaurants and stores.

Most people would agree that if there's the potential of a problem then some sort of plan should be implemented to head off the ruin of our community. We've already had a couple of scares where the beach had to be posted as contaminated. I'm sure that not one store owner would want the beach posted contaminated.

I do agree with Gail Mason that the expense of a sewer system the way it was presented to the residents is too high. That is why our mayor sent the letter to the government officials pointing out the potential loss of one of Ontario's best holiday locations. I'm sure that Mayor John Close is only asking for financial assistance to create a system to stave off the potential catastrophe.

Another thing that Gail Mason fails to understand is that you can't build a sewer system for a small section of a community and then add to it later as required. The underground infrastructure must be built to accommodate later additions. The same goes for any type of sewage treatment facility. This is why all residents would be asked to contribute if a system was to be built.

Those who have their heads stuck in the sand should pull them out before they inhale or ingest E. coli. The potential for future problems should be addressed very soon before my property value drops due to a contaminated beach.

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