

Sewers at Sauble "totally unnecessary"

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Editor:

I have been following the renewed interest in Sauble's need for sewers. Although I am not personally a member of "the keep your head in the sand group" (I have seen what's in that sand), but I fully support their opposition to this totally unnecessary service. I am sorry that I missed the election of Ms. Mason to speak for the entire community of Sauble but she would have had my vote if I had been aware of it taking place.

The people that think there is a need for this unnecessary service have been unable to provide any creditable need for this boondoggle. Oh sure some say that old septic systems, some over 40 years old, mixed with shallow sandpoint wells on small lots are potentially dangerous but I say balderdash. The health department has clearly drunk the Kool-aid by recommending sewers for Sauble. What do they know anyway? This is the group that is recommending flu shots and claiming that second hand smoke is dangerous for our children. What a load of rubbish.

The MNR has also expressed some concerns but frankly I have concerns about them. One sure thing I know is that town staff have been supportive of this waste of money and I always questioned their recommendations.

The scare tactics are unconscionable. The test studies showing off-the-chart samples that would close the beach if they were in the lake just show that ditches are unfit to swim in. Hey how many adults swim in ditches? OK maybe an occasional kid.

Uninformed critics claim that infamous Sauble parties with up to 30 people using a cottage facility or 40,000 weekend visitors overpower the single and community systems. Well I say prove it.

The medical group, from our town, such as Dr. Barker considers the sewers to be a medical necessity. I say "What do doctors know anyway?"

Some local communities just don't get it. Owen Sound and Saugeen Shores are expanding their sewer systems. I personally think that removing all sewer and septic systems and having portable "outhouses" is the environmental thing to do. Nothing would spoil our groundwater.

Fortunately we have strong councillors representing Sauble's ward, although I do wonder if they know the difference between new sewers and septic reinspection.

I think the NIMBY group that wants no new expansion to their little enclave should approach things differently. I suggest they start calling for all paved roads be eliminated and torn up to discourage new residents.

I applaud the "anti-everything group in Sauble" and think their "Walkerton Plan" to wait till the "s**t hits the fan" before acting to be the best approach to this situation. I am even willing to bet my membership in the Flat Earth Society that sewers are not needed.

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