

Sauble residents want to preserve and protect what attracted them to area

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Editor:

I am writing in response to [Mr. Carl R. Noble's September 24, 2011](#) and [Mr. Dan Kerr's November 11, 2011](#) letters to the editor.

I thought when Mr. Carl R. Noble, former Mayor for the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, lost his bid for re-election in 2006 he would have gotten the message that the residents of Sauble Beach and area were tired of the multi-million dollar pro-development agenda that characterized his tenure as Mayor.

Contrary to Mr. Noble's claims:

- Councillor Jackson did not agree with anyone who supports sewers for Sauble Beach
- Councillor Jackson did not support the August 22nd letter to Minister Rick Bardolucci
- The letter that Mayor Close sent to Mr. Bardolucci was not "requests of council"

After spending 10 years and millions of dollars on consultants, all the Town of South Bruce Peninsula has to show is a couple of boxes and/or drawers full of documents that prove nothing. You can be sure that if there was anything substantial in those boxes, Mayor Close would be waving it in the air like a big red flag. But, there is nothing substantial there. That is why the Town now has a committee of council to figure out how to prove or disprove any 'problem' at Sauble Beach.

The residents are, contrary to the statements made by former Manager of Public Works, Phil Dwyer, very well informed and capable of making rational decisions. The current Environmental Assessment will never be approved because of numerous documented procedural missteps. Further, the residents are watching the actions of this council closely and will not be easily fooled by unsubstantiated rhetoric from Mr Noble, Mr Close, or anyone else for that matter. I predict this will be Mayor Close's only term.

In response to a personal enquiry, the Health Unit said they had no recorded e-coli cases from Sauble Beach. So, please tell us Mr. Noble, how many e-coli infections were there at Sauble Beach and where are they documented?

Many beaches were posted this summer and in recent years. Sauble Beach is not unique in this regard. These postings generally appear after a large rain fall and most of the e-coli reaching the beach are from the Sauble River, storm drains, and feces from gulls and geese. You can certainly find that information in the two drawers of documents.

I appreciate former councillor Mr. Dan Kerr's humour, but wake up Dan, you were booted out too. The residents of Sauble Beach and area made it very clear in the last election that they don't want their community to turn into another Wasaga Beach, Saugeen Shores, or Owen Sound. The majority seem to want to preserve and protect the things that attracted them to the area in the first place while allowing for slow, measured, growth that does not require a huge infrastructure investment funded by residents.

What Mr Noble refers to as "shackles" for Councillor Jackson are actually the strong ties between the people of Sauble Beach and a councillor passionately dedicated to standing up for and protecting their interests.

We already have a modern, proactive community that is willing to solve proven problems with twenty-first century technology.

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