

Letter: Show septics are at fault

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Editor:

This letter is in response to Patricia Ryan and [Jim Merriam](#).

First of all, let me clarify who I am. I am a full-time resident of Sauble Beach. If you don't live here then please, butt out until you know exactly what you are talking about. If you are an expert in septic systems, then please show us proof that only septics and nothing else causes E. coli and bacteria in the water. Think about this - I want "our Lake Huron" to be absolutely free of contaminants! We swim in it daily, my grandchildren swim in it and we hate when the beach is closed. If there was proof beyond a doubt that septics were the cause of bacteria, then, as a responsible citizen, I would certainly get to the bottom of the problem. I cherish our water and natural beach. I love Sauble Beach. My entire desire in life was to retire here since I have been coming here for over 30 years.

If anyone is so gung ho on installing a sewage system then show us the proof and then show us where the money will come from - could you afford another \$30,000 to \$50,000 on your mortgage? If so, you're lucky. I can't and I know many cannot.

It is sure easy to tell us to get a sewage system when you don't live here and don't have to pay for it.

Where is the proof that septics are causing the problem? We just had our septic system inspected and there is absolutely nothing wrong with it. No leakage, no problem with our well water, nothing! So why do you expect me to pay \$30,000 to \$50,000 for a sewage system that I don't need?

Why do cities and towns (Owen Sound, Kincardine, Port Elin, Grand Bend), if they have sewers, have an ongoing problem with E. coli and beaches closing? If it's not their septic systems then obviously it is caused by something else. Wake up and stop blaming septics!

In regards to Ms. Ryan's comment - Maybe those "ostriches that have their head in the sand" are the ones that are pushing for a system that no one else needs. I wonder why? Development of Sauble? Give it a rest until you can prove to us that septics are the cause and nothing else. Bring on the septic inspection! I welcome it - if someone needs their septic system upgraded or repaired, I'm sure a reasonable property owner would adhere to that. It would be a heck of a lot cheaper than a sewage system. But believe me, a septic inspection better be done by a "certified septic system expert" and not someone's buddy that will push sewers.

Kudos to Janice Jackson! Thank goodness we have a councillor wh doesn't have "her head in the sand"!

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