

# South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Under Fire

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The Town of South Bruce Peninsula Mayor John Close came under heavy fire at the Police Services Board Meeting today.

John Strachan of Sauble Beach wants Close removed from the board - claiming interference with by-law officers.

Almost a month ago, a gate was erected blocking public access to Sauble Beach between 5th and 6th Streets.

The Sauble Beach Development Corporation claims to own the area of the beach - and there are rumours they want to develop it into a private parking lot.

Often cars can be found driving on the stretch of beach - and this does not sit well with Strachan.

Strachan says nothing has been done to stop these people - and they believe they are above the law.

The gate still stands and apparently no by-law infractions have been issued in the last few months.

Strachan believes Mayor Close has told by-law officers and the OPP to take no action against those associated with Sauble Beach Development Corporation.

In a presentation to the Police Services Board today Strachan alleges it's more than obvious that Close has been interfering with the OPP and all municipal law enforcement.

Strachan says the law states politics and policing must be separate - therefore, Close needs to be removed from the Police Board.

Strachan has launched his own lawsuit against Sauble Beach Development Corporation for driving on the beach.

The Police Services Board will now have an immediate meeting with an OPP representative and advisor to decide how to deal with the allegations and what action to take.

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