

# Septic Re-Inspection Controversy

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### **South Bruce Peninsula Council argue over Genivar contract.**

South Bruce Peninsula is about to undertake a septic re-inspection program next year, but the issue isn't with the project -- but who's doing it.

As a matter of fact, discussion got quite heated at this week's Council meeting before approval was given to Genivar.

Councillor Janice Jackson says it's "mind-boggling" that Genivar would be approved to do the work because the same company has a report on the Sauble sewer project worth 70-million-dollars hanging in the balance.

She says it's a conflict of interest to have the same company hired for the septic inspections.

Councillor Jay Kirkland is not buying it.

He says Genivar has done good work for the municipality in the past on landfill studies when the company was known as the civil engineering firm Pryde, Schropp and McComb of Port Elgin before it was bought out by Genivar.

Kirkland also points out choosing Genivar came from the Chief Building Official who studied in-depth, four request for proposals on the project.

Kirkland says the septic re-inspection program has absolutely nothing to do with the Sauble sewer project and needs to proceed.

Genivar was the low bid at just over 847 thousand dollars.

The municipality will enter into a contract with Genivar in January and the work will be completed by December, 2016.

Property owners will be responsible for the cost of their re-inspection of their septic system.

In a recorded vote, Genivar was approved for the project with Councillors Janice Jackson, Karen Klages and Marilyn Bowman voting against.

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