

Septic inspection program an attempt to force sewers on Sauble residents

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Editor:

This letter is my opinion concerning the recent decision by certain Town of South Bruce Peninsula council members to hire Genivar to look after the septic system inspections in Sauble Beach.

I am really confused. Jay Kirkland said there is no conflict with hiring Genivar to do the septic inspections.

Now wait a minute - isn't this the same company that wanted to consult on and build a new sewage treatment plant in Sauble?

Isn't this the same company that would stand to make millions of dollars if many septic systems were found to be at fault and Sauble residents were told they needed sewers?

If this is the same company, wouldn't there be a pretty big temptation for them to just say septic systems are at fault for contaminated water and forget the inspections?

Oh wait, they might also be tempted to go about it in a "roundabout way" so that the residents of Sauble will not make a fuss about paying mega dollars for a sewage treatment plant? Duh?

Does Jay, Mayor John Close and whoever voted for this ludicrous decision think that we are all stupid?

What is wrong with the majority of this council? Do we need to vote you out as well in the next election like we did the last council?

Oh, now I see. You may not think you will get another term so you want to push sewers through whatever way that works.

What happened to a council being "the voice of the constituents?" Did this council not learn a darn thing in the last few years? There is no proof that septic systems are causing tainted water in Lake Huron - never proven!

Sauble residents have repeatedly shown that they do not want and do not need sewers!

Why would you waste all this money on a septic inspection that isn't warranted and if you want to go ahead with it, why would you hire a company that stands to make millions of dollars if they found there was a problem with septic systems (and what can you believe if they say there was?). Wake up. Our beach was closed once this summer. Only once. If there was a problem with septic systems, doesn't it make sense that the water would be polluted more than once?

I'm no expert but I can figure that one out.

Can this council actually justify this decision to the taxpayers? Can you actually look at us with a straight face and tell us there is no conflict with Genivar?

To simplify matters, Jay Kirkland and his buddies should just say to the residents of Sauble that

our businesses want a sewage treatment plant because we need to develop all our downtown properties in Sauble and reap the rewards from our investments.

In fact a much simpler statement from you would be "the downtown businesses need sewer systems to build major commercial projects so we will pay the cost of the sewers and acquire the benefits! That way it won't cost the residents any money and our businesses will still have sewers to develop our downtown land!"

Those that want sewers pool your money together and pay for them yourselves and those that don't will keep their money and their houses.

Win, win situation?