

Sauble will need sewers

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Editor:

The Sun Times page 1 headline on Wednesday, Feb. 6, "Council kills Sauble sewer proposal" reflected accurately the council's decision. It conveyed as well a subsumed depressing headline "Council kills Sauble".

But then came Phil McNichol's column of Saturday, Feb. 9. What a terrific piece of reporting - reflective, considerate, whimsical perhaps, but outlining clearly a structure of governance that could create a positive long term future for Sauble and the Grey Bruce area.

Sauble Beach is existing on an environmental time bomb. The real environmental analysis is beyond the present council's comfort about the report of a sampling of wells. The whole Sauble topography that contains such an eclectic mixture of homes, hovels and huts, served by some excellent business and community buildings, cannot continue to function in the long term with a narrow sense of short-term environmental contentment.

Phil has brought the mismanaged historical dithering that defines the issue into sharp focus. Like him, I despair that Sauble, with its water-sewer services that function in their complexity and diversity somewhat like an undeveloped African jungle settlement, will emerge in my time as a municipality of distinction and reputation. Maybe, just maybe, Sauble will develop positively and then be able finally and truthfully live up to its present claim as one of Ontario's best beaches.

Thanks Phil.

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