

Revenue, growth needed to keep Sauble Beach viable

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Editor:

There are many issues that have affected business in Sauble Beach, and I believe paid parking is not one of them.

Revenue needs to be generated for the town, having to pay for garbage and beach cleanup out of taxpayers' money for the many thousands who come to the beach for the day, and spend little to nothing.

Having closed a large portion of the beach because of the birds, having to move the fireworks, the beach volleyball tournament and failing to keep the beach clean and raked the last few years, is very sad to say the least.

The biggest issue is the lack of growth and things to do at Sauble Beach.

No water and no sewer equals no growth. We live in a Third World country here in Sauble Beach. Many businesses that have closed have no plans to open any time soon, including Fun World and the restaurant on the beach as well as the main street bar and the empty lot previously known as the Home Building Centre has clearly shown where Sauble Beach is heading.

As well as the biggest eyesore on Lakeshore, there is a business that is run down and in disrepair. Each year garbage piles up in and around this property with no response from the town.

As an owner of a cottage resort, business has become more competitive since now many more private homes are now being rented at Sauble Beach, and the owners do not pay or collect the HST which puts business at a disadvantage.

I believe it all comes down to dollars, and South Bruce Peninsula requires the money to help pay the bills to operate since no growth means less property tax.

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