

Charges against Gammie stayed

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Seven charges that Craig Gammie breached the Professional Engineers Act were stayed with no admission of guilt in Provincial Offences Court in return for Gammie paying a "token" amount to charity, the South Bruce Peninsula council critic said Wednesday.

He said the case related to allegations he had claimed to be a professional engineer. He said as part of the resolution reached Nov. 13 he undertook "not represent himself as a professional engineer."

Concerns arose during a meeting May 17, 2011, about a new portion of road along Sideroad 15 and a bridge over the Sauble River. "I criticized that job rather strongly and the town wanted to spend more money and I criticized that too," Gammie said.

Had he been convicted on all counts, the maximum fines payable would have been \$200,000, he said. Maximum fines are rarely imposed. He wouldn't divulge how much he agreed to pay to charity.

Gammie said Professional Engineers Ontario pursued the allegations based on the meeting minutes and witness statements from a number of people, including SBP Mayor John Close.

Gammie said he was alleged to have said during that meeting "I am" a professional engineer, when he says a recording he made of the meeting showed he said "I had been an engineer."

Gammie said he is a chemical engineer and was licensed to practise between 1976 and 2001. He said he wasn't working as an engineer around 2000 so he gave up his licence.

"Technically I am still an engineer, I'm just not licensed to practise engineering."