

Chief Kahgee

Firstly, let me state how troubled our executive and members were to receive your letter. We are disappointed in the actions of a few ill informed individuals – actions that in no way represent the vast majority of the cottage owners nor our association. Like you, we also value the open and respectful relationship that we have enjoyed with the Saugeen First Nation. We also clearly understand that the rights of leasing do not extend beyond the property itself and in no way should cottagers be interfering with Saugeen First Nation access to any area. In this regard, today, I read your letter to the membership of the French Bay Beach Association at their local meeting. There was unanimous condemnation of the inappropriate actions of certain individuals and support for a speedy resolution.

We also share a common interest in seeing that all lessees understand their lease and related issues. In this regard we will continue to assist the Saugeen First Nation with communications issues via our annual newsletter, local meetings, our Annual General Meeting and website. I can assure you and the Band Council will continue to have our full support in this matter.

On a somewhat related topic, we would also like to applaud the outstanding efforts of the beach maintenance staff and beach patrols. Many of our members have noticed these enhanced efforts and further, have worked cooperatively with the beach patrol to help identify any offenders.

I appreciate your offer to meet – I and our Vice President, Mr. Rob McLaughlin are available during the week of August 22nd through 26th at your convenience.

We would also welcome you to attend the Sauble Cottagers Organization Inc. (SCOI) Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September the 3rd, 10:00 a.m. at the Zion Amabel Church on the main road into Sauble Beach.

Best regards,

David Collie