



Saugeen First Nation

Administration

August 15th, 2011

Saugeen Cottagers Association Inc. (SCOI)
Unit 3 -120
Woodlawn Rd., East
Guelph, ON
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Attn: David Collie, President

Dear Mr. Collie,

Re: Saugeen First Nation Members Right to Access the Beaches and Water

This letter is to inform you that Saugeen First Nation Chief and Council have recently received a number of serious complaints from our members respecting the improper and disrespectful conduct of certain cottagers and leaseholders. These complaints stem from incidents where our members are exercising their right to access beaches and the water of our Reserve Lands. In these cases our members have been met with rude and belligerent behaviour from cottagers and leaseholders suggesting that they are trespassing on private access beaches or are otherwise not permitted to be on the beach.

These incidents have occurred throughout our lands, but have been especially problematic in the French Bay area. Throughout this area, there are signs that specifically state that no vehicles are permitted to access the beach unless authorized by Saugeen Chief and Council. We state here clearly that by order of Saugeen Chief and Council, all Saugeen First Nation members are permitted to access these areas when and by whatever means they choose, including through the use of their vehicles.

Further, we should make clear that rights under all leases on Saugeen Lands are limited to the boundaries of the property and do not extend to the adjacent lands, beaches or water.

We will not tolerate any further improper conduct of cottagers or leaseholders towards our members in this regard. Chief and Council will pursue complaints thoroughly and vigorously, and appropriate action will be taken as necessary, and

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could include restricting an offending parties future access to the beach or taking steps to cancel leases.

We value the good relationship we have had with your association and hope that you will take whatever steps necessary to ensure that these serious matters are brought to the attention of your members and corrective measures are taken. We also extend an invitation to meet in person if you wish to discuss this issue more fully.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall Kahgee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chief Randall Kahgee,
on behalf of Saugeen First Nation Chief and Council

cc. Herman Roote, Manager, Lands and Leasing
Pape Salter Teillet, Legal Counsel