



Saugeen Cottagers' Organization Inc.

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Dear Cottage Owners,

Our association recently received a letter from Chief Randall Kahgee and Band Council (see attached). This letter raises some serious issues that we would like to bring to your attention. While the letter can speak for itself, we would like to highlight a couple of things. Firstly, we strive to maintain an open, trusting and supportive relationship between the Saugeen First Nation and our cottage owners association. We believe fundamentally that good relations are key to all of us enjoying the many benefits of the area, while respecting the rights and customs of the First Nations People. We need the full cooperation of all to continue this.

Secondly, it is fundamentally important to understand that our land lease rights are just that – for the land upon which we have our cottages. These rights do not extend past our property line. While we are able to enjoy the beach and waterfront it remains Saugeen First Nation's property and we need to fully support their rights to access these areas.

We know that we can count on your support.

Regards,

David Collie
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