



# Saugeen First Nation

## Update to Saugeen First Nation re: North Sauble Beach

As we look forward to a busy summer, Chief and Council would like to update the community on several matters relating to North Sauble Beach:

- 1. New Court Decision:** When the trial judge ruled that North Sauble Beach is and always has been part of Saugeen Indian Reserve No. 29, she left open the possibility of granting a “life interest” in parts of the beach to David Dobson and members of the Lemon and Twining families. On June 30, 2023, Justice Vella agreed with Saugeen and Canada’s submissions that the court does not have the authority to grant third-party interests in Saugeen’s reserve and that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula does not have any authority on reserve land. Justice Vella declared that “[n]o third parties have any interest” in North Sauble Beach, effective immediately. All North Sauble Beach has been formally recognized as reserve land under Saugeen control and administration.
- 2. New North and South Sauble Beach Bylaws:** Saugeen First Nation’s existing bylaw concerning South Sauble Beach has been updated and a new bylaw to ensure health and safety for beach users on North Sauble Beach is now in effect. Both bylaws are available on the Saugeen website at: <https://saugeenfirstnation.ca/news/sauble-park-north-sauble-park-bylaws/>
- 3. Continued Public Access:** Chief and Council and our administrative staff are working hard to keep North Sauble Beach open to the public. We continue to engage in productive discussions with our neighbours, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, and our treaty partner, the Government of Canada, to ensure ongoing capacity to provide security, emergency, waste management, and other services that are essential to keeping the beach open. We look forward to seeing everybody on the beach this summer!