

Good morning folks,

My name is Karl Korpela, Chief Building Official with the Municipality of Dysart et al. I am hoping that by now you have all received and read our letter RE: Septic Re-Inspection Program.

The reason for this post is to provide some rationale as to why a septic re-inspection program for properties around lakes is so important. I would also like to address common skepticism that typically tags along with initiating such a program.

First off, By no means is this program meant to punish cottage owners, it is established to protect our lakes from failing and overloaded septic systems. What would your cottage be worth if the lake it sat on was unsafe for humans and animals? Please note that we're not looking for pull-out sofas in your t.v. room, bar sinks or whether or not you've ever had more than 2 people per bedroom stay at your cottage.

However, if your septic is failing, then yes, you may need to replace or repair your system. If your septic is overloaded, then yes, you may need to bring your cottage back into conformance with the Septic Use Permit issued to your cottage. Overloaded and failing septic systems have the greatest potential of damaging our lakes.

Additionally, I would like to mention how impressed I was by the knowledge and dedication of our local 3rd party inspectors. Most being in the Home Inspection industry, they are qualified and experienced in reviewing the function of existing systems.

I apologize for the lengthy post, but thought it was necessary to get this information out there.