

SAUBLE BEACH – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Did the Court rule that the Reserve’s eastern boundary only goes to the west side of Lakeshore Boulevard?

No. The Court did not limit the eastern boundary to the beach west of Lakeshore Boulevard. The [judgment](#) says the Reserve includes “the entire portion of the valuable fish landing ground fronting on Lake Huron that was reserved from surrender by Saugeen First Nation in Treaty 72 . . . includes a substantial portion of what is now called Sauble Beach” (para. 696(c)).

2. Did the Court say where the Reserve’s eastern boundary actually is?

No. The Court did not say where the location of the eastern boundary is. The court said that today’s beach from 7th Street North to Main Street was wet sand in 1855 and the surveyor should have run the eastern boundary south from a point beginning 99-132 feet (*i.e.* 1.5 to 2 “survey chains”) from his starting point in Lot 31. This will include land that is today, Lakeshore Boulevard, land east of Lakeshore as well as land south of Main Street. At [paragraph 405](#) of its reasons, the Court explained:

The “spot”, in turn, was properly identified by Rankin during his 1855 survey of Amabel Township as being located within Lot 31 on the wet sand. The post which he planted measuring about 1.5 to 2 chains east from the “spot” was an appropriate place to mark the north terminus of the east boundary. From there, Rankin would have been able to mark a straight east boundary, parallel to the west boundary, and terminating at the Half Mile Strip on dry land.

3. What happens to the lands owned by the Lemon, Twining and Dobson families?

The Court ruled that beach land owned by the Lemon, Twining and Dobson families forms part of the Reserve, but it will consider whether to grant these families a “life interest” in these lands to recognize their deep attachment to it. We expect that the Court will decide whether to give a life interest for the Lemon, Twining and Dobson families later this summer.

4. Where can I read the reasons for the Town and Ontario's appeals?

On April 27, 2023, the Town filed a Notice of Appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal. It is linked here. The Province of Ontario filed its own appeal on May 3, and Canada cross-appealed on May 11. These documents are available online on the [Town's Dedicated Sauble Beach Land Claim page](#).

5. Why didn't the Town ask for a stay of the Court decision during the appeal process?

There are still issues to be decided such as the life interest of the Twining, Lemon and Dobson families. The Town has decided not to ask for a stay at this time but has the opportunity to do so if significant operational or physical changes are made to the beach.

6. Is the Town prepared to negotiate with the Saugeen First Nation?

The Town believes there are strong grounds for appeal, but we remain open to constructive discussions with our neighbours, Saugeen First Nation, and with the federal and provincial governments.

7. What steps has the Town taken on beach management?

The Town has actively engaged in discussions with Saugeen last month to discuss various issues, including garbage disposal, port-o-potties and storm drains. The Town gave Saugeen the keys to the washroom facilities located on the beach and offered assistance in transitioning beach management.

8. What are the Town's plans for the paid parking program in 2023?

The Town is running a Paid Parking program in 2023, the same as previous years. The Town has also reached out to Saugeen First Nation on several occasions to discuss Paid Parking and revenue sharing opportunities. More information regarding Paid Parking can be found on the [Town's Sauble Beach web page](#)