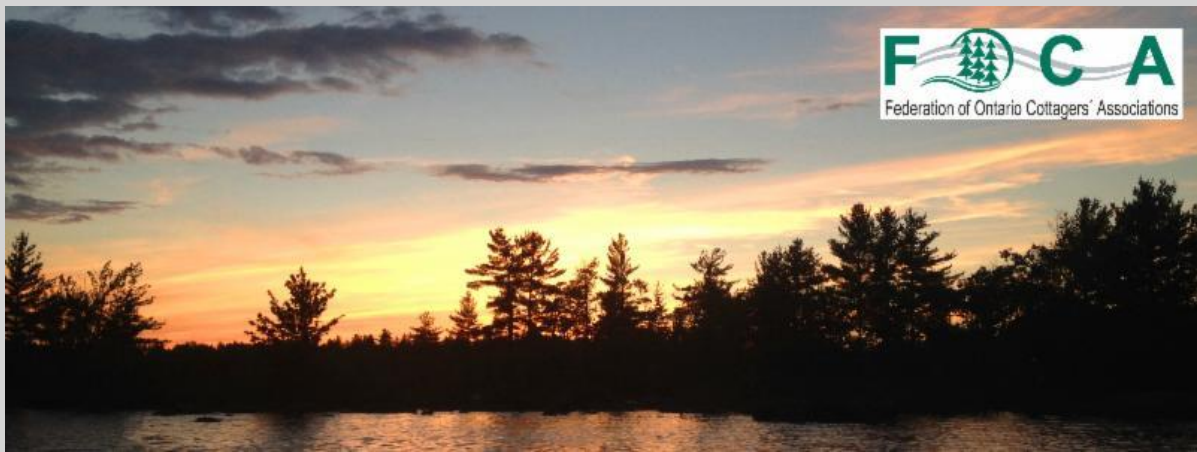


FOCA EAlert - August Long Weekend 2014



Political Affairs

OPP Costs - Speak up NOW!

FOCA reminds you that time is running out to speak up about unfair billing practices for OPP police services. **Write your MPP!** Download a sample letter from FOCA you can personalize: <http://foca.on.ca/policing-costs/>



Hydro Pricing

FOCA has been participating in the recent Ontario Energy Board hearings related to Hydro One's rate application covering the period 2015-19. [Click here for an update...](#)

Great Lakes Meeting

July 2014: FOCA participated in a bi-national meeting with representatives of the **Healing our Waters Coalition**, and 20 other non-government groups, to try and coordinate a united community of interest and common understanding of our shared challenges on the Great Lakes. [Read more here...](#)



FOCA's Gold Sponsors



Lake Environments

Invasive species

Invasive species can have a huge impact on the health of our lakes and how we enjoy them. Help protect our lakes by getting involved in the FOCA Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Program. [Learn more here...](#)



More engaged citizens, after the invasive species workshop

Invasive Species workshop

FOCA recently presented at the Invasive Species workshop in Bracebridge on July 25th organized by the Muskoka Watershed Council. Participants learned about helping to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Stop the Spread

View a recent newsletter from the Invasive Species Centre about invasive species and cottagers. [Read it online here...](#)

Waterfront Living

FOCA's Cottage Succession Seminar Series

"Keeping the 'Family' in the Family Cottage"

Join estate lawyer Peter Lillico at one of our August seminars:

- August 16th in South Frontenac - 10am at the Bedford District Community Hall
- August 23rd in Dorset - 11am at the Dorset Recreation Centre



FOCA members attend for free!

[Get details and find out how to register, here...](#)

Safety and Risk Management

West Nile Virus: Update

Some mosquitoes can carry the West Nile virus. Mosquito bites may lead to West Nile virus infection and, in turn, mild or serious illness. Everyone is at risk, and precautions are necessary to protect yourself. [Learn more here](#) about how to protect yourself and your family.



Drinking & Boating

A long weekend means time for fun on the water! Common sense should never take a break, however. Take a look at this reminder about drinking and boating on [FOCA's Boating information webpages](#).



Want to encourage safe and quiet boating on your lake? [Click here](#) to read the latest newsletter from Safe Quiet Lakes!

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Association Toolkit

Factsheets and Videos

FOCA offers several fact sheets and videos that you can share with friends and neighbors on topics like septic maintenance, blue green algae, healthy shorelines, night skies and more!



[Find them here and start sharing today.](#)

Regional Events

Recent Event: July 19th - FOCA was on the road, presenting at the [Paudash Lake Conservation Association](#) Annual General Meeting. *Image at right: Terry Rees of FOCA recognized the lifetime achievements of Valerie and Gerry Hunnius of Paudash Lake!*



COMING UP NEXT:

Eastern Ontario

It's that time of year when algal blooms and excessive aquatic plants start getting our attention. If you are in Eastern Ontario, and are concerned about these issues, you can participate in a monitoring program called Algae Watch. Plan to attend a Watershed Discovery Day on August 16, 2014 at the Crystal Palace in Perth. [Learn more here...](#)

Kawarthas

Join Kawartha Conservation and the City of Kawartha Lakes at 3 upcoming open houses to discuss Lake Management Plans. [Get details here...](#)

About FOCA

Partnership Profile: Trent University

This year Trent University celebrates its 50th anniversary. Over the past 40 years, FOCA, and many lake members have worked with Trent professors and graduate students on issues ranging from shoreline surveys, algae and aquatic plants, invasive species, climate change, rural waste management and fisheries. Among these professors are, Dr. Eric Sager, Dr. Paul Frost and Dr. Tom Whillans. FOCA's Lake Stewardship Assistant, Deanna Panitz, is a recent graduate from Trent University.

[Read more about these partnerships, here...](#)



FOCA's Terry Rees was part of the "For the Sake of our Lakes" panel at Trent, 2011

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FOCA Website - a new look!



The FOCA Website has a clean new look - check it out today:
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The resources you rely upon are still here, easier to search and in a mobile-friendly format.

There is even "Members-only" content to browse with a dedicated Member Login code. [Find out more here »](#)

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