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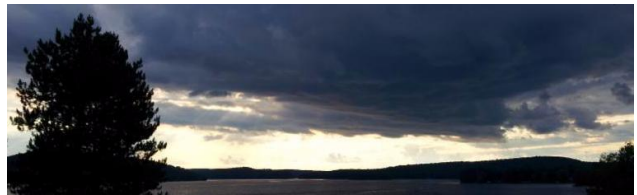


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Climate and Cottagers

Following the landmark agreement reached in Paris over the past week, check out FOCA's Climate Change webpage for some waterfront perspectives:

<https://foca.on.ca/climate-change-and-waterfront-ontario/>



Improved Land Use Planning in Ontario

The new **Smart Growth for Our Communities Act** is intended to give residents a more meaningful say in how their communities grow by requiring municipalities to better involve residents in the planning process, and could help municipalities resolve planning disputes earlier at the local level.

FOCA is cautiously optimistic, considering that individual municipalities will each need to establish and approve any such changes. Learn more at: <https://foca.on.ca/new-streamlined-land-use-planning-and-appeals/>



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Algonquin Land Claim Update

The Algonquins of Ontario have set a ratification date to vote on the proposed Agreement in Principle.

Get updates here: <https://foca.on.ca/algonquin-land-claim-agreement-in-principle-signed/>

Asian carp Updates

Updates:

- Could the spread of Asian carp be battled using carbon dioxide? A **new US study** suggests it might.
- Review a recent series of webinars from the **Invasive Species Centre** about prevention, monitoring and detection of Asian carp.

Get links to these resources and news updates, here: <http://foca.on.ca/asian-carp/>



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Holiday Wishes

As we roll into the shortest days of the year, and toward the start of a new calendar, we are reminded of all that we have to be thankful for, from the year just past.

On behalf of our 50,000 member families, we extend sincere thanks for the tireless efforts of the Board of Directors and the many volunteers who work on behalf of waterfront Ontario.

And from the Board and Staff, a special "thank you" to all our FOCA members, sponsors, project partners, volunteers, supporters and especially our tireless local champions!

From all our families to all of yours, we wish you a sincerely happy holiday season and a joy-filled New Year.



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