

On Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 municipal elections will be held across Ontario. This is a once-in-every-four-years opportunity to talk with candidates and choose leaders who will advocate on behalf of issues that are important to you.

FOCA is launching its “**Vote for your Future**” campaign to encourage members to get involved in the Municipal election process. Waterfront property owners and residents have a right to vote in municipal elections. FOCA is here to help you spread the word and make it easy.



Voting is simple and quick. **We'll show you how.**

### **How FOCA can help:**

**FOCA will be helping first-time or infrequent voters** to become active participants in the 2018 Municipal election, to determine their local priorities, and to come together to foster a bright future for their families and for their communities. For over 50 years, the FOCA has been the voice of waterfront, across the province. Our mission is to protect thriving and sustainable waterfronts across Ontario.

#### **Available Resources:**

- > Contact FOCA for our “**Vote for the Future**” **Kit**, with the resources you need to engage your local community in the upcoming Municipal elections and demonstrate how to vote.
- > Or, get a group together and hold a “**Vote for the Future**” **Event** in your local community.

Contact FOCA:

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## **Your Roles in 2018:**

1. Ensure you are on the voter's list! Visit [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) (March onward)
  2. Get on [FOCA's EAlert list](#) for cottage country updates on election issues.
  3. Host a local candidates' event prior to the election. Ask your questions!
  4. Vote in your Municipal Election (October 2018)
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## About “Vote for your Future”

This initiative is intended to help stir the incredible potential within rural residents, and to strengthen the connection between residents’ concerns, hopes and dreams, and the decision makers at “city hall.”

**Your Vote – Your Right** While municipal issues impact all of us, most people don’t participate in local elections. If you are a local resident or property owner, you have the right to vote in your local election. We are here to show you how and provide you tools to encourage others to participate.

**Vote for Your Future** aims to inspire citizens and contribute to a wider conversation throughout 2018 about public engagement and community planning. Let’s improve our municipalities’ ability to address the complex challenges and amazing opportunities of the 21st century.

### *Creating community*

*is about so much more than  
just roads and taxes;  
it is about thriving, diverse  
and sustainable places  
to live, move, work,  
play and prosper.*

## About Local Government

In Ontario, the Municipal level of government delivers some of our most valued public services. We all benefit from well-run, well informed local government, for things that directly impact our quality of life, such as:

- > Rural infrastructure such as roads and bridges, water supply, sewage treatment plants.
- > Land use decisions that play a major role in determining the character and prosperity of the community.
- > Environmental services to provide safe drinking water, effective treatment of sewage, garbage collection and disposal, and recycling programs.
- > Essential services such as fire protection, police, & ambulances.

For more on the subject of Municipal roles and services, download an overview about municipal government (PDF, 53 pages), here:

<https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/About-Local-Government-from-AMCTO.pdf>

*Vote for your Future (2018) is a collaboration between  
[FOCA](#) and Ryerson’s [Democratic Engagement Exchange](#).*