



Special Webinar

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Cottage Country Considerations & COVID-19

Welcome ~ The webinar will start @ 7:00pm



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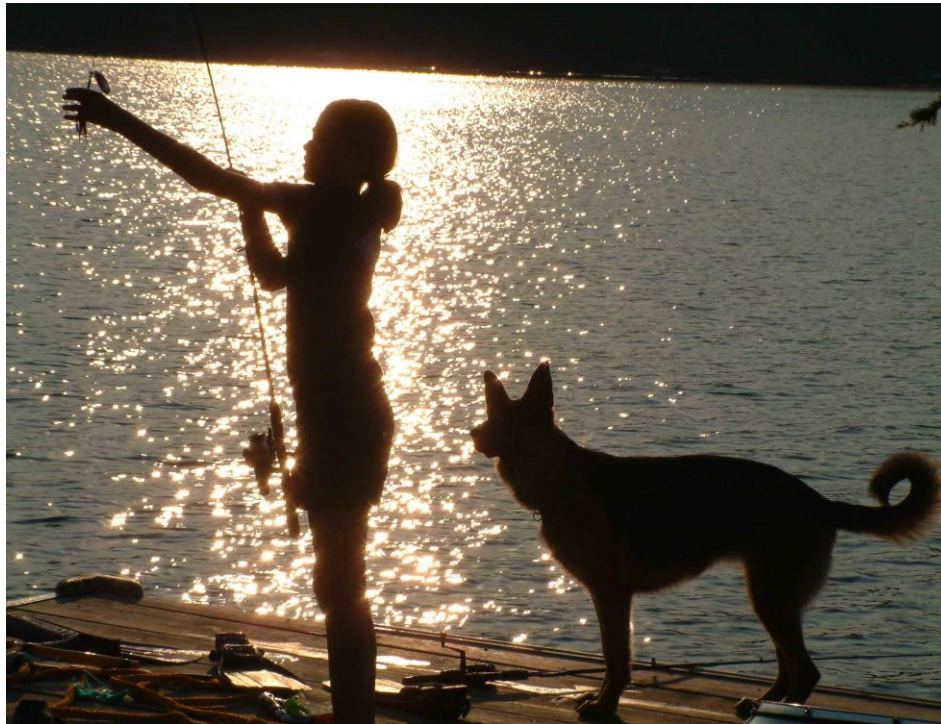


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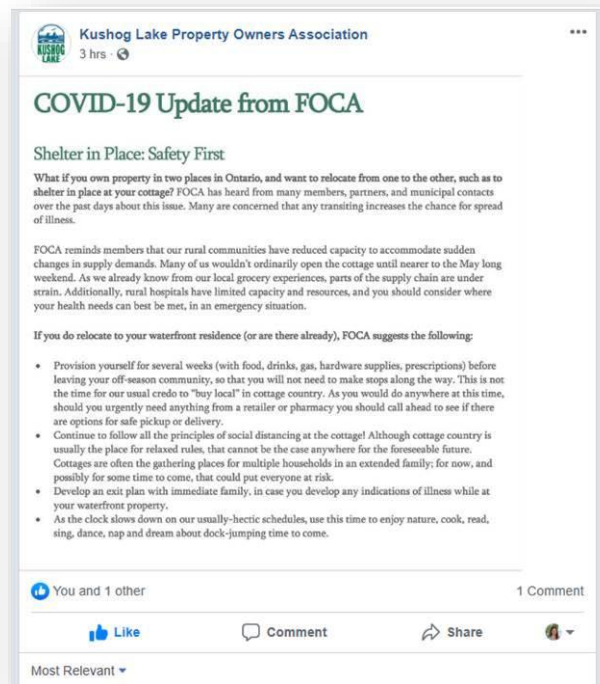
Terry Rees
FOCA Executive Director



Share FOCA's messages

FOCA posts updates here:

<https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>



Thank you to our member groups, for sharing these messages widely on social media

Our current situation

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>

Emergency status on COVID-19

Update on April 11

To help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of people across the province, the [Ontario government has extended emergency orders](#) that have been put in place to-date until April 23, 2020, including the closure of outdoor amenities in parks and recreational areas, non-essential workplaces, public places and bars and restaurants, along with restrictions on social gatherings and the prohibition of price gouging.

In addition, new measures have been introduced to address surge capacity in retirement homes, restrict recreational camping on Crown land, and allow the repurposing of existing buildings and temporary structures.

Related

The latest information on the status of the 2019 novel coronavirus will be posted every day, seven days a week, at 10:30 a.m. on [ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus).



Our current situation

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>

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 **CBSA focus on Coronavirus (COVID-19): March 24**

The Canada Border Services Agency is focused on the safety and security of Canadians. For this reason, many of our resources are currently concentrated on COVID-19. Some of our service standards may be impacted as a result, and you may experience delays. We appreciate your patience and cooperation. For the latest on cross-border programs and services, call us 24 hours a day at 1-800-461-9999.

 **COVID-19 update: March 20, 2020**

Prime Minister announces [Canada–U.S. joint initiative on non-essential travel](#).

If you develop a fever, a cough or difficulty breathing, call a health care professional or [public health authority](#).

Canadians are asked to avoid non-essential travel outside Canada. For the latest and most up-to-date information, visit [Canada.ca/coronavirus](#) or contact the coronavirus information line at 1-833-784-4397.

Associations in Action

- Buck Lake Boatilla for Camp Merrywood (Easter Seals)



Associations in Action

- Gloucester Pool Cottagers Association
Canoe for Cancer



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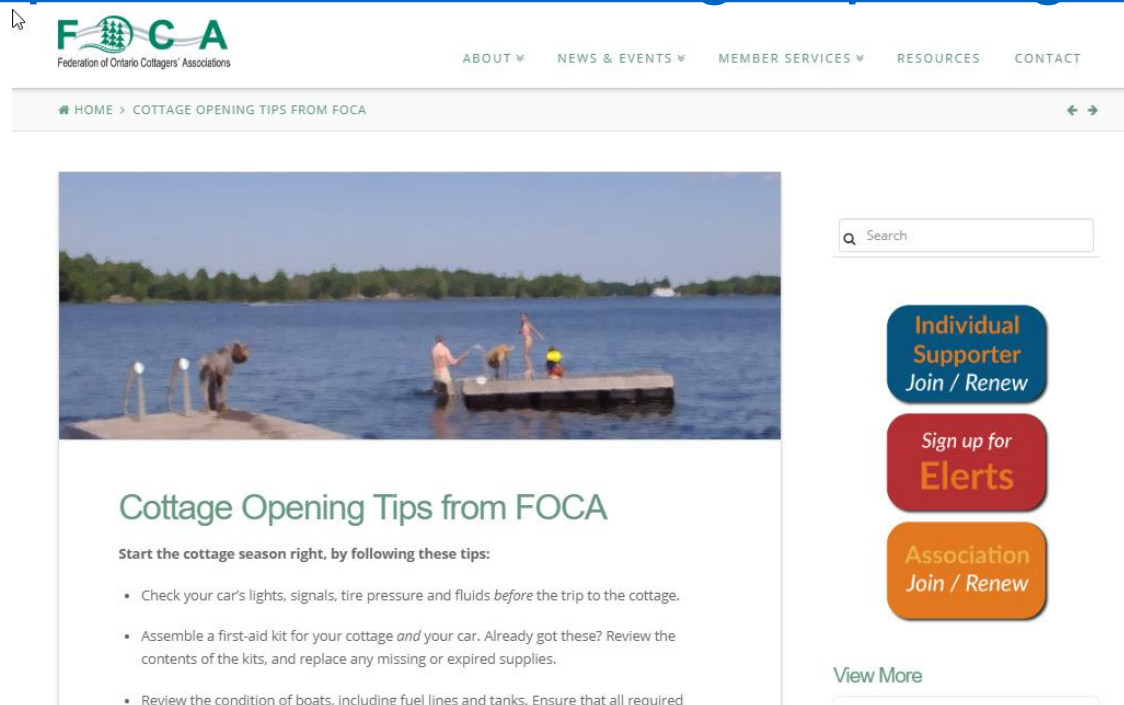


LEAVE REVIEWS

Taking Action

- Safe Cottage opening

<https://foca.on.ca/cottage-opening-tips/>



The screenshot shows the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) website. The header includes the FOCA logo and navigation links: ABOUT, NEWS & EVENTS, MEMBER SERVICES, RESOURCES, and CONTACT. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: HOME > COTTAGE OPENING TIPS FROM FOCA. The main content area features a large image of people at a lakeside dock. Below the image is the title 'Cottage Opening Tips from FOCA' and a subheading 'Start the cottage season right, by following these tips:'. A list of tips is provided, including checking car lights, signals, tire pressure, and fluids; assembling a first-aid kit; and reviewing the condition of boats. To the right of the main content is a search bar and three buttons: 'Individual Supporter Join / Renew', 'Sign up for Alerts', and 'Association Join / Renew'. A 'View More' link is also present.

FOCA
Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

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HOME > COTTAGE OPENING TIPS FROM FOCA

Cottage Opening Tips from FOCA

Start the cottage season right, by following these tips:

- Check your car's lights, signals, tire pressure and fluids *before* the trip to the cottage.
- Assemble a first-aid kit for your cottage *and* your car. Already got these? Review the contents of the kits, and replace any missing or expired supplies.
- Review the condition of boats, including fuel lines and tanks. Ensure that all required

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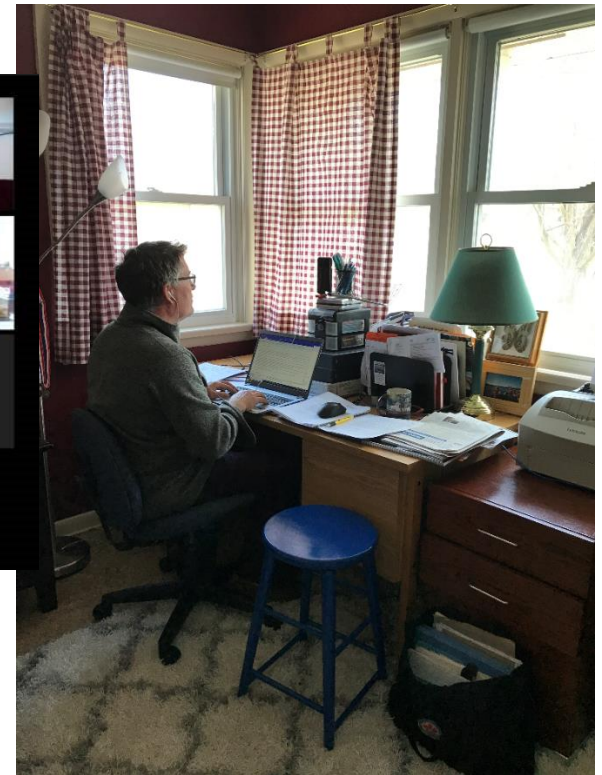
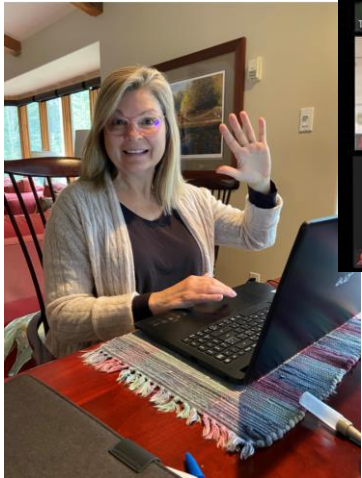
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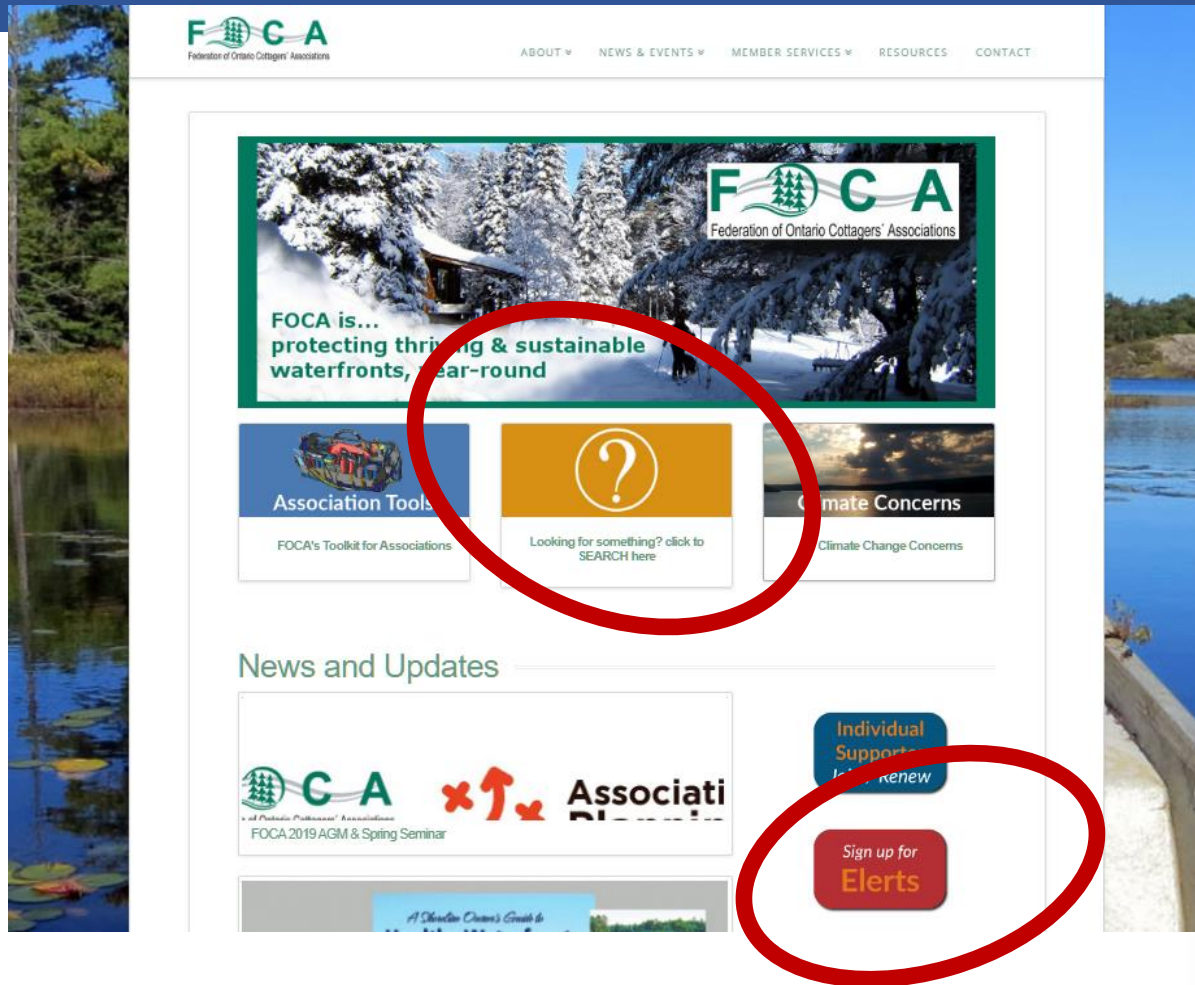
Posted on Facebook
April 6, 2020

FOCA's operations

The staff and Board of Directors continue to work,
at a distance



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Questions from Members

Our Association hosts many social and athletic events throughout the summer.

What are other associations doing now about cancelling events? How far ahead?

What members are doing...

President's Message

As I write this, I am sitting in the sunshine at a lake side window enjoying the view and staying safe at home. Spring is here! The northwest end of Crowe Lake and around Big Island point is open water. The ice still clings to the shore in the bays. Crowe Valley Conservation Authority appears to have done a good job in keeping the water levels of the lake low as there is no flooding at the moment. With warmer weather blowing in, we will keep a watch on the lakes and the rivers above us. The maple trees have had their final tap, the syrup has had its final boil and is bottled. Summer is around the corner.

It has been a quiet winter at the lake. With the majority of businesses closed and people staying home due to COVID-19, the spring is quiet too. Bill is working with the fireworks suppliers and, based upon his results, there is a possibility we may be forced to delay our Canada Day activities. We'll confirm dates in our June newsletter but keep an eye on our Facebook page and web site for all our updates. Membership signs will be late going up this year as our suppliers are closed. This summer, consider planting veggies in place of flowers in your gardens and patio planters. Kind of like a "victory" garden of WWII. Tomatoes taste better than geraniums!

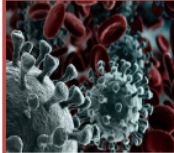
I was going to include an article on real estate values of lake front properties for this issue, but all sales have ground to a halt. With the 407 connecting to Hwy 115, property values through Peterborough and points east, have surged upwards. Waterfront properties are being purchased by retirees moving out of their million dollar homes in Metro Toronto. Supply and demand is raising the pricing. It will be interesting to see what happens when Ontario recovers from this pandemic.

Your board encourages you to stay home, practice social distancing and to wash your hands. Stay safe and we will see you at the lake this summer.

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Boat Parade & Fireworks July 4



Is Cottage Isolation A Good Idea? (Jim Poling Sr. is the author of Killer Flu: The World on the Brink of a Pandemic.)

Social distancing is being promoted as a best bet bullet to slow COVID-19, which medical experts say has the potential to infect hundreds of thousands of Canadians. The whole idea of social distancing is to stay away from places where people gather. The fewer people you are with, the lesser your chances of getting sick. I can't think of a better place to find social distance than the cottage. The three basics we need to live there are in good supply—warmth, water, and light.

I have had experiences with viruses that have left me a strong advocate of being cautious and being prepared. In 1968 I caught the H3N2 virus (Hong Kong flu) but my most valuable virus learning experience came in the early 2000s when I worked as a freelance researcher-writer for the SARS Commission investigating that viral outbreak. Cottage isolation to lessen the risk of contracting COVID-19 is a reasonable exercise of the precautionary principle.

There is another benefit of moving to the cottage. Cottages are good for mental health, and this virus is beating up everyone's mental health. Cottages are places of calm, where you can take deep breaths and put things in perspective, and perspective is a key element in dealing with problems. We live in an age of communication in which many cottage areas have cell service, internet access, and satellite television service. If family and friends need our help, we are only a car ride away.

The corona virus articles are from Cottage Life
Consult your physician, health care facility, Ontario Health

Watch for travel restrictions



Crowe Lake Waterways Association Spring Newsletter, received digitally on April 4, 2020

"...The print edition is being prepared right now but we are able to deliver the electronic version sooner and without worrying if our printer and Canada Post are still working. The email list was expanded to include all our members who had given us their email information so we could make sure we got it to you. ..."

What members are doing...



For Immediate Release
Golden Lake Property Owners Association

April 5, 2020

Due to the evolving pandemic conditions, GLPOA is making decisions with regard to the operation of the association for the 2020 season. Some of these decisions are difficult but we are acting in what we believe to be the best interests of the GLPOA community.

We are hopeful that our membership will understand and support the changes that we feel necessary for a scaled down operation for GLPOA this year and for our sustainability for the future.

1. Our Spring 2020 newsletter will be an abbreviated version from previous years, and will be published in an online format only. We hope to have this available on our website in early May.
2. The Annual General Meeting scheduled for 4 July 2020 is now postponed indefinitely. A new date will be established as dictated by the pandemic situation. Stay tuned for further advice on this.
3. The 2020 Poker Run is cancelled this year. This event is sponsor driven, and as you are aware, our local businesses are struggling through this time and for the foreseeable future. We ask that you continue to support all of our local merchants as they face their own challenges at this time. To that end, GLPOA is waiving corporate sponsorship fees for this year; it's our turn to give back to the businesses who have never within our 15-year history hesitated to support GLPOA.
4. With the 2020 freshet imminent, we are looking at another challenge, but one that we have faced and survived in the past. GLPOA will monitor and to post water level and other relevant information regarding this matter on our Face Book and website.
5. With respect to membership, residential canvassing is on hold indefinitely and we are exploring other options to reach our valued members this year. We recognize that your support continues to be the main reason GLPOA is successful, and we want to continue to be there to support you. The membership fee remains at \$20. If you are willing – and financially able – to make a membership payment for 2020, you can do so by e-transfer or by credit card (details on our website). We still believe our canvassers and canvassing system are an important function of our association; not only one way to raise funds, but a way to keep our cottagers personally informed about GLPOA activities and interests. To that end, we hope to be able to carry out regular canvassing later in the season, but will keep you advised as to how this develops.

GLPOA may not be deemed an essential service, but we want to maintain our presence – if in a scaled down form – as your partner and voice on the lake through these very challenging times. We are all in this – and will get through it - together.

Ron Rimmer
President, Golden Lake Property Owners Association
Phone: (613) 401 3590

www.goldenlake.co email: glpoainfo@gmail.com

Golden Lake & Bonnechere River Property Owners Association

-postponing or cancelling in
person events

*“...Some of these decisions
are difficult but we are acting
in what we believe to be the
best interests of the GLPOA
community...”*

Questions from Members

Our AGM is held in July, as per our bylaws.

What happens if we cannot meet then?

If we hold a virtual meeting, what options do we have?

Corporate governance

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>

Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

ONTARIO REGULATION 107/20

ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION 7.1 (2) OF THE ACT - MEETINGS FOR CORPORATIONS

Consolidation Period: From March 30, 2020 to the [e-Laws currency date](#).

No amendments.

This is the English version of a bilingual regulation.

Whereas an emergency was declared pursuant to Order in Council 518/2020 (Ontario Regulation 50/20) on March 17, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. Toronto time pursuant to section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (the “Act”);

And Whereas the criteria set out in subsection 7.1 (2) of the Act have been satisfied;

Now Therefore, this Order is made pursuant to subsection 7.1 (2) of the Act, the terms of which are set out in Schedules 1 and 2;

And Further, this Order applies generally throughout Ontario;

And Further, this Order is retroactive to March 17, 2020.

Online tools to consider

Teleconference:



Exclusive FOCA Association rate: only **2.5¢ per minute** per participant!

To access this special rate:
Email service@genint.com
or call 1-866-622-2966
and identify yourself as part of FOCA.

Video meetings:

A screenshot of the Zoom website's pricing page. The page is titled 'Zoom Meeting Plans for Your Business'. It features two main columns: 'Basic' and 'Pro'. The 'Basic' column is labeled 'Personal Meeting' and 'Free'. It includes a 'Sign up, It's Free' button and lists features: 'Host up to 100 participants', 'Unlimited 1 to 1 meetings', '40 mins limit on group meetings', 'Unlimited number of meetings', and 'Ticket Support'. The 'Pro' column is labeled 'Great for Small Teams' and 'CAD 20.00 /mo/host'. It includes a 'Buy Now' button and lists features: 'All Basic features +', 'Includes 100 participants', 'Meeting duration limit is 24 hrs', 'User management', and 'Admin feature controls'. The Zoom logo and navigation links (SOLUTIONS, PLANS & PRICING, CONTACT SALES) are at the top.

<https://zoom.us/pricing>

More tools

<https://foca.on.ca/lake-associations-in-action-a-video/>



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Lake Associations in Action!

Lake Associations in Action: A Video

2018 – FOCA is pleased to release this short video about the role of lake associations in waterfront communities, and why you should connect with your local association!

HOME > CITIZEN SCIENCE MATTERS: A VIDEO



Get involved in citizen science
in your area!

Citizen Science Matters: A Video

2018 – FOCA is pleased to release this short video about citizen science, and its importance for Ontario's inland lakes.

<https://foca.on.ca/citizen-science-matters-a-video/>

FOCA Programming

The Lake Partner Program

[https://foca.on.ca/
lake-partner-program-overview/](https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-overview/)



FOCA Programming

Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Tentative 2020 Local Pilot Programs

Note that in 2018:



200+
outdoor signs

were distributed across Ontario, reminding boaters to Clean+Drain+Dry their vehicles to prevent transporting invasive species between waterbodies



FOCA Programming

Asian carps awareness and prevention

<https://youtu.be/2oCiwbrlAuc>

FOCA in partnership
with DFO, and others



FOCA Programming

Cottage Succession Seminars

with estate lawyer Peter Lillico

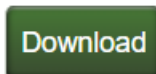
<https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>



Current concerns...

O. Reg. 115/20: TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS RELATING TO DECLARED EMERGENCY

filed April 1, 2020 under *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, S.O. 1993, c. 28*



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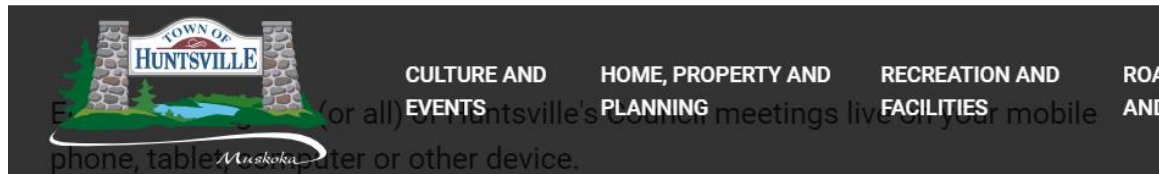
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Municipal councils

Meetings are moving online...

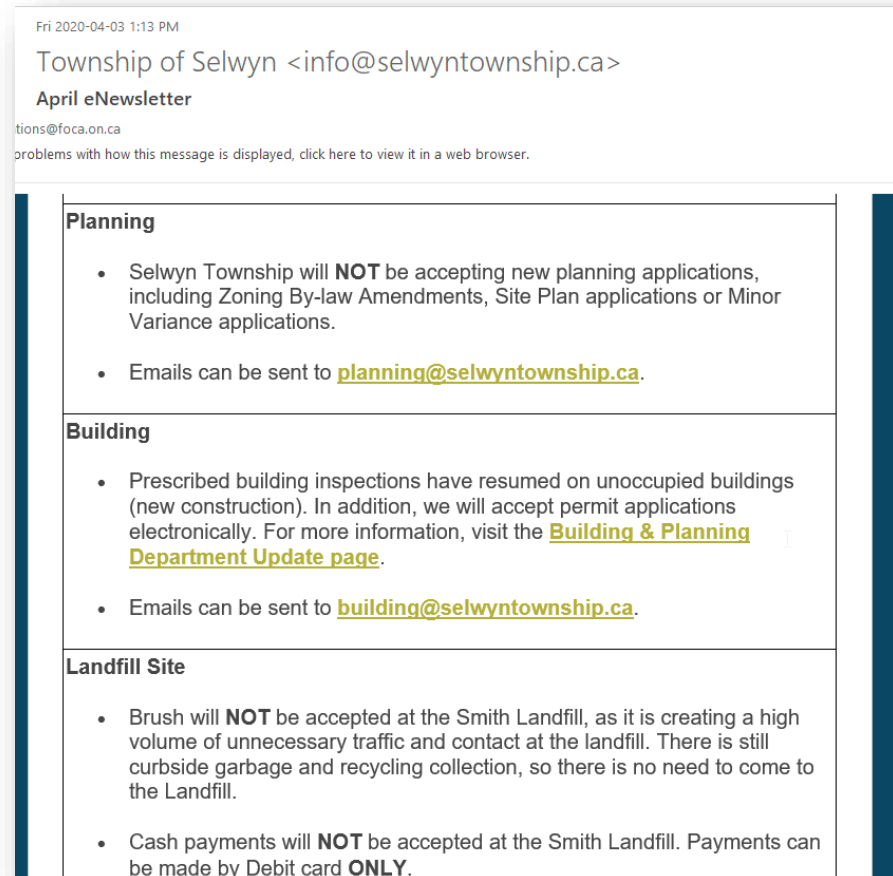


Live - Special Council Meeting Thurs March 26



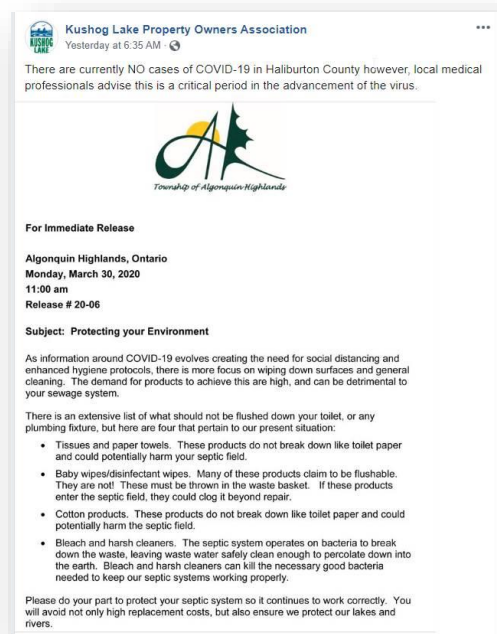
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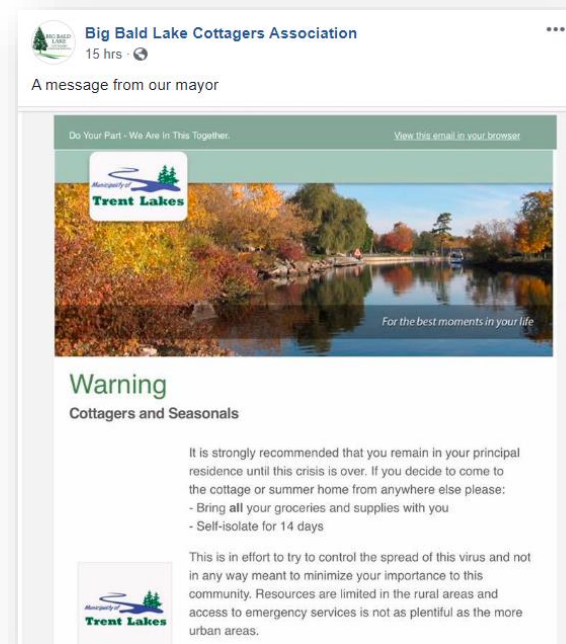


Where to get more info

Messages from your municipal partners:



April 1, 2020: **Kushog Lake Property Owners Association** Facebook Page - forwarded septic system tips from the Township of Algonquin Highlands



April 5, 2020: **Big Bald Lake Cottagers Association** Facebook Page - forwarded a warning message from the Mayor of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Things are changing...

- Electricity: time-of-use suspended
- MPAC: postponing new assessments
- Personal and property tax deadlines...

Current concerns...



Accessibility



Search MPAC



[English](#)



COVID-19 Updates for our Partners

This page contains news on how MPAC is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and includes shareable resources for you to use on your own platforms to share with property owners and your members.

2020 Assessment Update postponed

As part of the Ontario Government's [Economic and Fiscal Update](#) on March 25, the Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, announced the Province's decision to postpone the 2020 Assessment Update.

The Ontario Government has indicated that property assessments for the 2021 property tax year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values. This means your property assessment for the 2021 property tax year will be the same as the 2020 tax year, unless there have been changes to your property.

- <https://www.mpac.ca/COVID19UpdatesourPartners>

<https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>



Current concerns...

[https://foca.on.ca/
fire-safety-resources/](https://foca.on.ca/fire-safety-resources/)

Fire Safety Resources

Fact Sheets:

- [Fire Safety](#)(pdf; 2 pages)

Videos:



What members are doing...

Organizing property checks for those at a distance:



Clearwater Beach Ratepayers Association member, Terry Sanderson, posted to Facebook on April 5th:

*"...A big thanks ...
for a cottage check
and photos ..."*

Our current situation

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>

O. Reg. 104/20: EMERGENCY ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION 7.0.2 (4) OF THE ACT - CLOSURE OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

under *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9*

Versions

current

March 30, 2020 – (e-Laws currency date)



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Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

ONTARIO REGULATION 104/20

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Current concerns...

<https://foca.on.ca/high-water-flood-events-in-cottage-country/>



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HOME > HIGH WATER – FLOOD EVENTS IN COTTAGE COUNTRY



High Water – Flood events in cottage country

Is there an emergency in your area?



1. check for [Current Flood Messages from MNRF & local Conservation Authorities](#)
2. get updates from [Emergency Management Ontario](#)
3. visit [Environment Canada's website](#) for weather information and notices

NOTE: All flood advisories are not the same. Flood message definitions (watch, warning, etc.) [can be found here](#) (near the bottom of that page)



Volunteer tips for future events

A 2-page handout from
Volunteer Canada

[Click here to download
the 2 page PDF](#)

The Volunteer Checklist – Volunteering During COVID-19



Thank you for your willingness to volunteer during these complex and challenging times.

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated changes to routines and practices to keep volunteers, clients and staff safe and healthy during volunteering. The following are general guidelines before, during and after volunteering. Practices and protocols to protect volunteers may vary based on the organization's mission, clients, and geography. Check with the volunteer manager at the organization where you are volunteering and follow their specific guidelines.

Make sure you are fit to volunteer:

- If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from volunteering and stay home until fully recovered.
- Have you recently returned from abroad? Follow [instructions](#) from public health as well as your local and provincial health authorities.
- Are you a senior citizen and/or suffer from underlying illnesses? Avoid volunteering that involves personal interaction.
- Join on-line volunteering programs from home if possible.

In preparation for volunteering:

- Avoid traveling by public transportation to volunteering, if possible.
- Come equipped with a personal bottle of hand sanitizer.
- Bring a personal supply of food and drink, if needed, to avoid sharing dishes / food with others.
- Make sure you have fully completed any training for your current volunteer position required by the organization.

During volunteering:

- The organization may do some health screening when you arrive.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Be sure to keep a distance of at least 2 meters (6.6 feet) between yourself and others.

Questions from Members

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Ross and Terry at the FOCA AGM
& Spring Seminar, March 7, 2020

How to do good things
and stay out of trouble



Ross Fraser

- Broker
- Cade Associates Insurance Brokers Limited



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The material is not and should not be considered to be an exhaustive analysis of liability exposures or risks. Please always consult with an insurance broker regarding your specific operations and insurance policy coverages.

Questions from Members

Our Association usually marks rock hazards beginning around mid-May. The person who usually does this lives at a distance and won't be travelling until the restrictions are lifted... whenever that happens.

What is our liability, and how do we reduce it?
What and how do we communicate the change in schedule?

Questions from Members

Playground equipment / common land owned by the Association has been roped off with caution tape to indicate they are closed and members have been notified.

What else do we need to do?

Resources from/for Members

IISD ELA:

<https://iisd.org/ela/educational-resources/ela-research-videos/>

Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes:

“Planet Haliburton” <https://canoefm.com/planet-haliburton/>

20 years of Nature’s Best Photography:

<https://youtu.be/cdG2d46fPh8>

2019 Audubon Photography Awards:

<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/summer-2019/the-2019-audubon-photography-awards-winners>

FOCA updates

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<https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>

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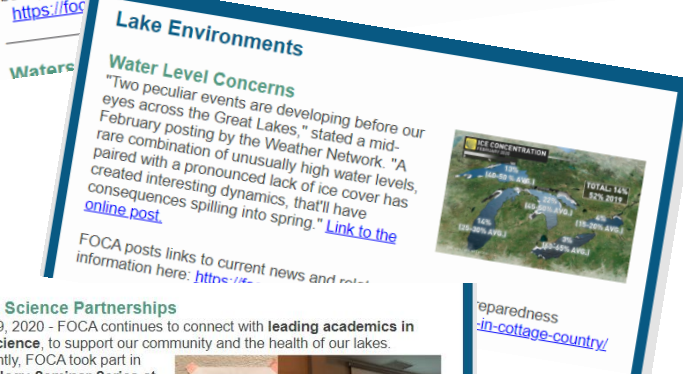
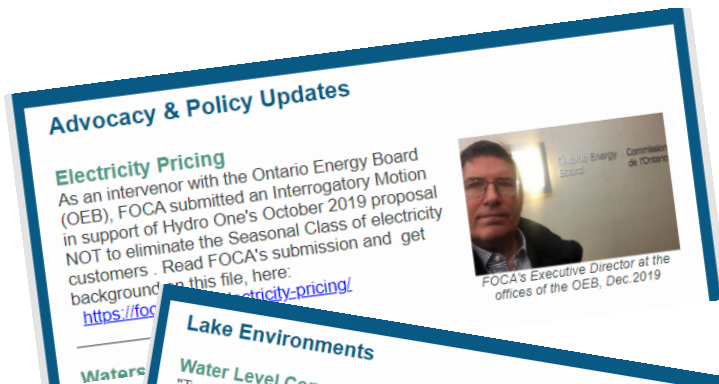


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Building Science Partnerships

January 29, 2020 - FOCA continues to connect with **leading academics in aquatic science**, to support our community and the health of our lakes. Most recently, FOCA took part in the **Limnology Seminar Series at the Queen's University's Paleocological Environmental Assessment and Research Laboratory (PEARL)** where Professors John Smol and Brian Cumming supervise a significant body of work relevant to our inland lakes, including bettering our understanding of changing algae conditions, acidification, contaminants, and many forms of aquatic pollution.



FOCA's Terry Rees speaking at PEARL

preparedness
[in-cottage-country/](#)

Today:

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More webinars to come

- Getting involved in planning your communities' future
- Tracking the changes in your community via the ERO
 - Proactive municipal engagement
 - Lessons in Nature
 - Firesmart and emergency preparedness

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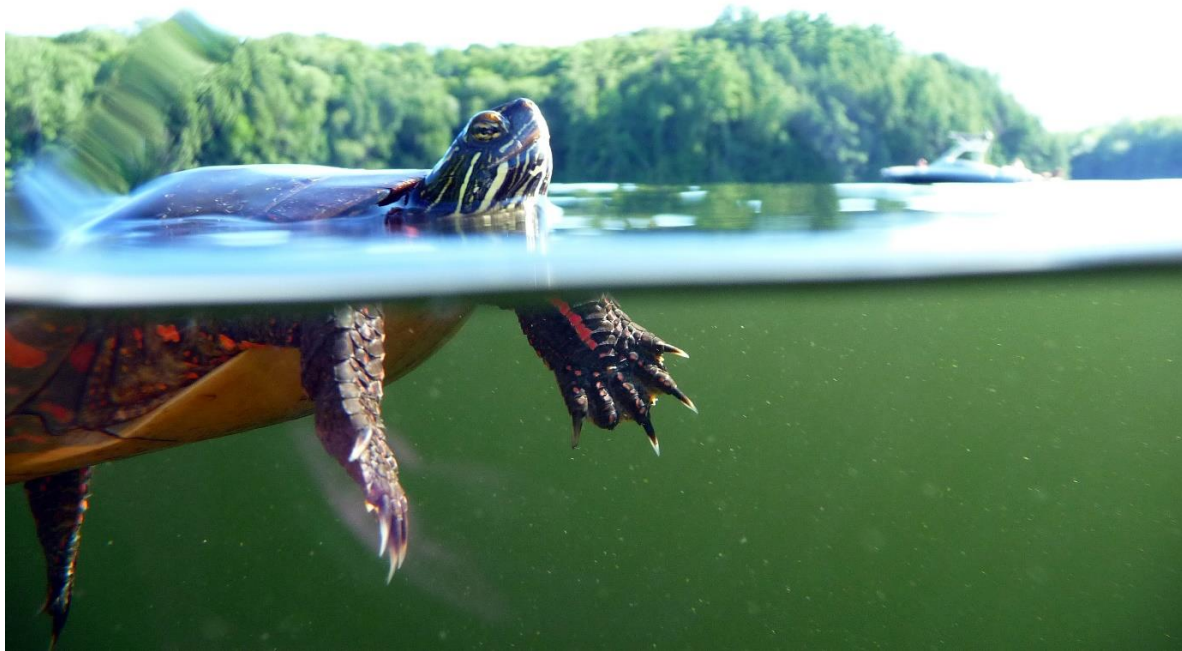
- funding uncertainties
- new expenses (webinars like this one)

Please share your extra support if you are able:

<https://foca.on.ca/foca-supporters/>



Waterfront Ontario:



We're in this, together