

"Where Lake Leaders Connect"

Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 9:00am to 3:00pm

by Zoom webinar & in-person @ Bayview Golf & Country Club, Thornhill

[Register Here!](#)

Event Agenda:

8:30am - Registration opens (pick up your AGM vote card); coffee; visit sponsors' displays; collect FOCA materials; networking time

9:00am - Land acknowledgement

9:05am - Opening Remarks: **Todd McCarthy**, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (*to be confirmed*)

9:10am - Welcoming Remarks: **Dawn Gallagher Murphy**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources (*to be confirmed*)

9:15am - **FOCA CEO's Report** by Lesley Lavender

9:30am - **FOCA Annual General Meeting** led by FOCA Board of Directors

10:00am - Presentation of the 2025 **FOCA Terry Rees Achievement Award**

10:20am - Refreshment break; visit sponsors' displays

10:30am - **Understanding Shared Values with First Nation Partners: Wise Practices for Meaningful Relationship Building** by Kassandra KcKeown, Cambium Indigenous Professional Services

11:00am - **Lessons from the Community: Developing a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan**: panel discussion with Terry Rees, project consultant & 3 pilot project associations

11:45am - **Beneath the Surface: Identifying Aquatic Invasive Plants in Ontario** by Katie Church, Aquatic Invasive Plant Coordinator, Invasive Species Centre

12:15pm - Lunch break; table discussions; visit sponsors' displays; collect FOCA print materials

1:00pm - **Preparing for the 2026 Municipal Elections: Community Engagement** by Marium Nur Vahed, Democratic Engagement Exchange, Toronto Metropolitan University

1:30pm - **Highlights from FOCA's 2025 Road Issues Survey** presented by Alan Revill, Co-Chair of the FOCA Road Issues Member Advisory Group

2:00pm - **Climate Change & Cottage Country: Protecting What We Love** by Dr. Anabela Bonada, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo

2:45pm - Wrap up & door prizes

3:00pm - Event ends

Event Sponsor:



Refreshments:



Invasive Species Centre

Lunch Sponsor:



All paid registrants receive a post-event summary including a link to the event recording and all slides shown.

In person attendance is limited to 100 people, includes lunch and light refreshments, and will close once full.

Webinar registration closes on February 27th.