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Long Weekend Tips

If you're on the road this long weekend, you'll want this link to "**Municipal511**" for a map of scheduled road construction and maintenance, as well as collisions, detours and road closures across Ontario:

<https://www.municipal511.ca/>



Late June Updates

Take 60-seconds for an update from FOCA's Executive Director, Terry Rees, in this video blog from the shores of Baptiste Lake:



Good Canadians are Good Stewards

This week, from FOCA's Twitter account:

watch a video from Minister McKenna about "stewardship as an expression of citizenship, as important in its own way to being a Canadian, as voting [or] volunteering..."

Connect with FOCA on Twitter and Facebook:

https://twitter.com/foca_info

<https://www.facebook.com/foca.on.ca>



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Program Update

Aquatic Invasive Species

FOCA is pleased to announce that the 2018 FOCA Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program is underway! Funding has been secured from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and member Associations have submitted their project proposals. Now the work gets underway.

For more about FOCA's AIS Program, visit:

<https://foca.on.ca/aquatic-invasive-species-program/>



Clearing phragmites at Honey Harbour



Big Gull Lake East End fishing derby



FOCA presenting funding to Faraday Lake

images from last year's FOCA AIS program

FOCA Publications

2018 FOCA Lake Stewards Newsletter

The annual Newsletter is on its way to all the Executives of our Member Associations in early July! In the meantime, read and share the digital version of the Newsletter, available for download from the FOCA website:

<https://foca.on.ca/2018-lake-stewards-newsletter/>



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Safety & Risk Management

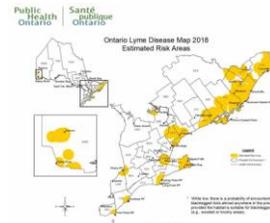
Lyme Disease

One of the features in the new *FOCA Lake Stewards Newsletter* is an article about **ticks and Lyme disease**, from our partners at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Read the article on page 28 of the Newsletter. (Image courtesy HKPR District Health Unit.)



FOCA reminds you to enjoy the great outdoors, and be vigilant daily about ticks, some of which may carry Lyme disease. Get important information, and a map of Ontario showing estimated disease risk areas, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/lyme-disease/>



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Lake Environments

July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

FOCA is a proud member of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS), which offers the following suggestions:

Looking for ways to participate in "Lakes Appreciation Month"? You can:

- organize a local shoreline clean up
- develop an educational self-guided lake tour
- organize a hike or biking event with a focus on your lake
- reach out to local media outlets about covering your local event; [here are some tips](#)

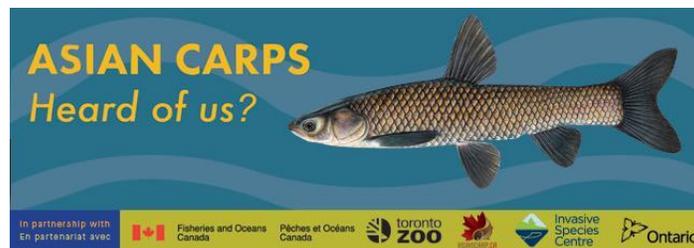


- reach out to a local restaurant about hosting a "Lakes Appreciation Night" with a percentage of proceeds donated to your local lake association!
- reach out to a neighbour who isn't already a member of your association and get them involved.

Lakes: we know we love them; can we love them EVEN MORE during July?!?

Invasive Species

Speaking of invasives, if you plan to visit the Toronto zoo this year, stop in to see their new **Asian carps exhibit**, the first of its kind in Canada as it houses live Asian carps. Special permits were required to bring these carps for public viewing, to help raise awareness and highlight the risk of destruction they pose to our ecosystems. Get details here: <http://www.torontozoo.com/press/carp/>.



Lake Erie Algae Outlook

Every year, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration releases its annual harmful algal bloom (HAB) forecast for Lake Erie. Our friends at **Freshwater Future** will be describing what exactly it all means, via a free webinar on **Thursday, July 12, 2018** at 2pm Eastern (1pm Central). You'll hear from people directly impacted by the algal blooms, get Freshwater Future's take on the forecast, and have a chance to ask your questions.

Last year, the thick, slimy algal bloom covered more than 700 square miles in the western basin of Lake Erie--the third largest algal bloom on record. The good news is that there are clear policy solutions available to address this problem. Join the webinar to discuss the situation, solutions, and what it's going to take to achieve a clean Lake Erie. [Register for the Webinar by clicking here.](#)



Events - Recent & Upcoming

June 14, 2018, Tweed - FOCA participated in the **Teeny Tiny Summit** in Tweed, with 165 other rural leaders and boosters. (Pictured: Terry Rees with Katherine Howes, lead researcher for FOCA's recent report on **waterfront property owners and rural economic development**. For more about the report, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/wpo2018>)



June 22, 2018, Port Perry - FOCA met with our partners from the **Scugog Lake Stewards** on the shores of Port Perry, where aquatic invasive species are a "hot topic." (Pictured: Barb Karthein with FOCA's



Deanna Panitz)

June 23, 2018, Maynooth - FOCA's Terry Rees was a feature speaker at the event, "**Poop Talk and Aliens**." Listen to Terry's audio clips about aquatic invasives and septic systems, in media coverage prior to the event, [posted here](#). (MyBancroft Now)



FOCA Cottage Succession Seminar Series

June 16, 2018 - the most recent FOCA Cottage Succession Seminar was held in **Muskoka** with the Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Association.

FOCA is on-the-road with estate lawyer Peter Lillico, helping you start the conversation about how to keep the 'family' in the family cottage for the next generation.



Our next stop will be:

>**Saturday, July 14th** - Kawarthas region (hosted by the Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association) - Peter will speak about "**Targeting Tax: Cottages and Capital Gains**." Get more information here: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 27, 2018 - the **FOCA Fall Seminar for Lake Associations** will be held in Toronto.

This is an annual event where lake association representatives can connect with peers, hear expert speakers and collect valuable information.

Mark your calendars; details will follow later this summer.



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Association Tools

Planning for the Municipal Election in October

Download FOCA's **Elections Toolkit** for member Associations to help you "get out the vote" in rural Ontario this fall! Find it here:

<https://foca.on.ca/vote-for-your-future-2018-municipal-elections/>

FOCA's Toolkit contains info about WHO can vote, HOW to verify you're on the voters' list, and TIPS for communicating, such as:

- a Draft Notice you can copy and send to your Association members;
- example questions for municipal candidates, and how to host a candidates' meeting;

- sample social media, website or newsletter posts about WHAT municipal government does, and WHY you should vote in your rural municipality this October.

Remember: in a **municipal election**, you may vote wherever you own property.

Let's get out the vote in waterfront Ontario!



More FOCA Publications

Waterfront Property Owners & Rural Economic Development

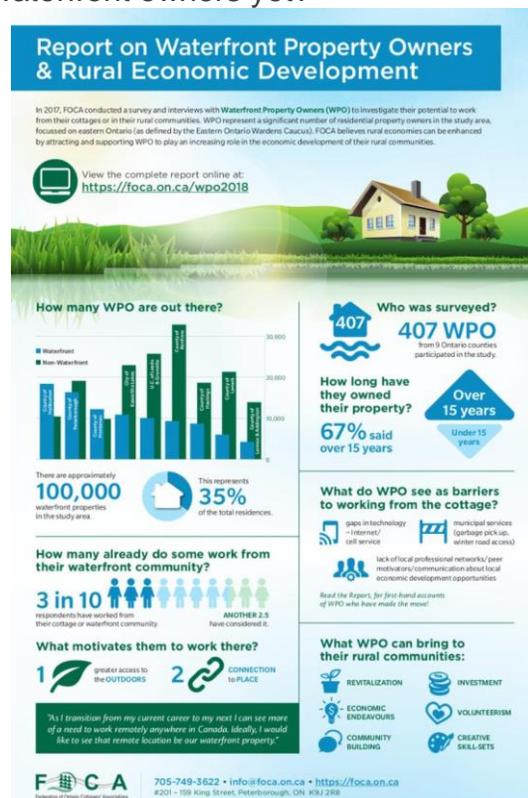
Have you read the FOCA report about waterfront owners yet?

Check out the infographic we created, to summarize the findings.

Waterfront property owners (WPO) are significant economic contributors to rural communities in Ontario! This report summarizes the survey FOCA conducted last year, highlights the ways WPO in eastern Ontario are already participating in their rural communities, and identifies gaps and opportunities to improve our rural communities. It also includes case studies about people who have already made the move to working from their waterfront community.

[Click here to download the report.](#) (PDF, 56 pages)

[Click here or on the image to download the infographic.](#) (PDF, 1 page)



At the FOCA Office

Developing our Digital Capacity

This season, FOCA worked with a team of bright young GIS students from **Fleming College** to build some sophisticated mapping capacity that will support our communications, advocacy, and our membership networking efforts.



Many thanks to the technical team!

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