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Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

Special Political Action Elert

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Political Election Issue

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Make your vote count: Politics 101 for Waterfront Property Owners



Ontario's Provincial Election
is Thursday, October 6th, 2011.

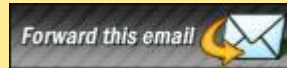
FOCA wants you to be informed about the issues, and to make your vote count.

* Note to our Association Members:

We really need your help to get this message DIRECTLY into the hands of your members. **The information is time-dated!**

Please take a moment to FORWARD this message to all your members, and please include a short note to encourage them to SIGN UP to receive FOCA Elerts directly, so we can continue to deliver important information to **everyone at the waterfront level**. Send the message onward with a click:

Thank you.



Where to Vote

Did you know that you can choose to vote either at your **permanent residence** or at your **seasonal residence** electoral district?

Yes, it's up to you.

Statistically speaking, your vote is "worth" more at your waterfront property, since rural ridings tend to have fewer voters than urban centres. FOCA encourages you to vote where you feel your voice is strongest on the issues that matter to waterfront property owners.



"How do I vote at the cottage?"

First, you need to know your cottage postal code. Then, [click here to find your Electoral District](#), including the location of the Returning Office in your cottage area. Once you know the name of your Electoral District, [click here for the list of candidates](#).

Important: Bring the right ID when you go to vote in your cottage riding:

- (1) your driver's license, **and**
- (2) a property tax bill from the cottage. (It has the address & your name.)

Of course, your name will not be on the Voter List for that District, so plan on taking a few extra minutes to fill in the appropriate paperwork when you arrive.

When to Vote

HANDY TIP: You do NOT need to wait for Election Day!

Advanced polls are open, but only until Friday, September 30th.

If you're planning to be at the cottage this weekend, [check the Electoral District list](#) to find the location of Advance Polls for your cottage area, and the hours of operation. This way, you won't need to be at the cottage on Thursday, October 6th to vote.

Get more voting info from [Elections Canada](#).

What has FOCA been doing to prepare for the provincial election?

FOCA has approached each of the major political parties with a **list of questions on issues of concern to our membership**, and has asked for written responses.

[Click here to review the list of FOCA's questions.](#)

Watch for official responses on FOCA's [HOT TOPICS](#) webpage.

Also, Terry Rees, Executive Director of FOCA, will moderate an "**all-candidates debate**" in the Peterborough Electoral District on **Thursday, September 29th, 2011 at 12:00pm** at George St. United Church (534 George St., Peterborough). If you are in the area that day, please plan to attend, and come armed with questions for the party candidates.

What can you do to prepare for the election?

Visit the [FOCA website](#) for links to each of the party platforms, as well as additional tips on how to "[raise your political voice.](#)"

FOCA encourages you to share the questions and answers on our "[Hot Topics](#)" page with your neighbours and association members. We suggest you press your local candidates on these issues, as well.

There is strength in numbers, and this is the time to make our voices heard.

Please keep us posted about your concerns by joining [FOCA on Facebook](#).

Remember to "**like**" FOCA's Facebook Page, and add your comments or questions to our Discussion Pages about Property Taxes, Energy Issues and more.

Thanks for contributing your thoughts and experience; we support each other by sharing our knowledge.



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