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Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations

## October Elert

### FOCA Fall Seminar and WRAFT AGM

Attention all FOCA Members:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of members of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the York Reception Centre, 1100 Millwood Road, Toronto for the following purpose:

- To consider and approve the revisions to FOCA's Bylaws, hereafter known as FOCA Bylaw #9.
- Any other matters that may come before the said meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of FOCA

Background and information pertaining to the 2010 bylaw update can be found on the [FOCA website](#).

**When:** Saturday November 6th  
8:30am - 3:30pm

**Where:** York Reception Centre, 1100 Millwood Road, Toronto

[Click here](#) to view the draft agenda.

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FOCA members at the 2010 FOCA Spring AGM

**Can't be there in person?** Attend the meeting online- Call the office for more details.

### Join FOCA at the Lake Links Workshop - Perth



Saturday October 30th, 8:30am to 3pm

The Perth Civitan Hall, County Road 43 in Perth  
For event details click here. To register, call 613-272-5136 or email [info@watersheds.ca](mailto:info@watersheds.ca).

### Visit us at the Fall Cottage Life Show!



Come and see FOCA at the Fall Cottage Life Show: November 26 - 28 at the International Centre in Toronto. Cottage Life will team up with the pros from Canadian Home Workshop, Outdoor Canada, and explore magazines to bring you four fantastic shows in one weekend, all under one roof! Click the logo for more details.

### Election Day is October 25th

Cast your vote!

Don't forget to vote in the Municipal Election on Monday October 25th.



When completing your ballot, make sure your vote counts! Follow these steps:

1. Following the instructions on the form, complete the ballot.
2. Insert the Ballot only into the white Ballot Secrecy envelope



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Pre-order copies of Take the Plunge for your association and pick them up at the FOCA Fall Seminar to save on shipping!

3. Seal the envelope.
4. Insert the white Ballot Secrecy envelope into the yellow Election Return Envelope.
5. Sign and detach the separate DECLARATION form.
6. Insert the signed Declaration form into the yellow Election Return Envelope.
7. Mail the Yellow Election Return Envelope by Saturday, October 16, 2010.

For more information visit the [FOCA website](#).

### Fire Prevention Week - October 3 - 9th Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With - A message from the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM)

The following are a few things you need to consider about smoke alarms to help keep you and your family safe from fire.



- The Ontario Fire Code requires that all homes have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. If you don't have working smoke alarms, the fire department has the power to issue a ticket for \$235, or lay charges that could result in a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or up to a year in jail.
- The more smoke alarms you have, the better your odds of survival. The fire service recommends that you also consider installing one inside every bedroom.
- Homeowners or tenants can be fined for tampering with or disabling a smoke alarm - and that includes removing the battery.
- Smoke alarm batteries should be replaced every year, or when the smoke alarm starts to chirp, which is a signal that the battery is nearing the end of its life.
- Smoke alarms should be tested every month, following the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to test them if you have been away from your home for more than a few days because the batteries could have expired in your absence.
- All smoke alarms, whether battery-operated or electrically-wired, should be replaced with new ones if they are more than ten years old.
- When the smoke alarms sound, everyone in your household needs to know what to do. Develop and practise a home fire escape plan.

For more information visit the [OFM website](#) for fact sheets/videos and other information that you can share with your association.

### Lakeland Conference



FOCA took part in the 10th Annual Lakeland Conference this past Saturday, October 2nd in Apsley. The Conference has been hosted in Buckhorn and Haliburton in recent years but returned to Apsley where the Conference began 10 years ago!

The Conference was opened by the Reeve of North Kawartha Township, Jim Whelan who was followed by speakers addressing such topics as astronomy and the night sky, what plants to use when naturalizing shorelines, aquatic biodiversity, the culture of cottaging, and the new Lake Stewards Manual being developed by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations. Government agencies along with service providers were also on hand as exhibitors.

Go to the ['Events' page](#) of the Lakeland Alliance website to view the power point presentations from our speakers.



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