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September 2010



FOCA Fall Seminar and WRAFT AGM

Saturday November 6th
8:30am - 3:30pm
York Reception Centre, 1100 Millwood Road, Toronto
[Click here](#) to preview the draft agenda.

FOCA will also be at the Coalition of Haliburton Associations Meeting on Saturday September 25th and the three events featured below.

10th Annual Lakeland Conference - Apsley

Saturday October 2nd
8:30am - 3pm

The New Apsley Community Centre
341 McFadden Rd in Apsley
[Click here](#) for event details.



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.

FOCA is a proud sponsor of the Lake Links workshop.

Visit us at the Fall Cottage Life Show!



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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 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.

Septic Reinspection Regulations

New Septic Regulations in Ontario Building Code

The Ontario Building Code will require mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance inspection programs in certain areas, beginning in January 2011. Most near-shore septic systems are unaffected, subject to discretionary inspection programs organized by the municipality, the health unit, and/or the conservation authority. For more information about the new regulations, click [here](#).

Bear Wise - Closing up the cottage



As the leaves begin to turn colour, seasonal cottagers are starting to pack up and head home for the winter. It is also a time when bears are foraging for natural fall foods and bulking up before hibernation. In their search, they can be drawn to cottage properties if garbage and food is left out.

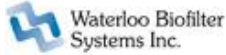
Do your part. Don't invite bears to the cottage. Learn some helpful tips in this [Bear Wise factsheet](#).

Who's running in your municipality?

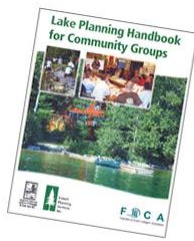
Now is a good time to review your municipality's website for local election information. For example,

- Make sure you are on the voters list- seasonal owners can vote!
- The list of registered candidates is helpful, especially for seasonal residents who don't receive flyers and pamphlets
- Some municipal websites feature a "voter look-up" search tool that you can use to see if you're on the Voters List
- Find out if Internet Voting is an option in your municipality.

Find out what your candidates think about the issues that matter to you! Click [here](#) to see a list of questions for candidates that were submitted by FOCA members.



Featured FOCA Resources



Lake Planning Handbook for Community Groups

This award-winning lake planning resource is now available as a free download - [click here](#).

Take steps toward a sustainable waterfront community in your area!

Stay Clear, Stay Safe!



Ontario Power Generation

FOCA partners with Ontario Power Generation (OPG), an Ontario-based electricity generation company, to promote public safety around power generation stations.

OPG's principal business is the generation and sale of electricity in Ontario. Their focus is on the efficient production and sale of electricity from generation assets, while operating in a safe, open and environmentally responsible manner.

Learn more by viewing these OPG [videos and links](#)!

Bear Lake Captures Local History with Fundraising Project



While we may be longing for the hot days of summer, the cooler weather can be a great time to work on indoor projects! You can connect with fellow cottagers via email or Facebook to gather a collection of summer photos and stories to produce a keepsake for all the families on your lake.

Bear Lake Residents' Association has a great fundraising idea to share. One of their members delivered a History of Bear Lake photo presentation to members on Canada Day. The presentation was then reproduced on CDs and sold through the association as a fundraiser.

If you would like to share a fundraising idea or community-building event with other FOCA members, contact info@foca.on.ca.

Keep the "Family" in the Family Cottage

FOCA's Cottage Succession Seminars a Huge Success

Many family cottages have been cherished by generations and many cottagers want to preserve this tradition of passing it on. Over 250 people attended FOCA's cottage succession workshops this summer. Participants explored the many considerations and options with estate

planning lawyer, Peter Lillico and Sun Life Financial Advisor, Chris Mihalic.

Based on the popularity of this pilot series, FOCA hopes to continue with more workshops next summer in other regions. To express an interest in a workshop near you, contact programs@foca.on.ca.

Clean Wake Program

Retire your old two-stroke boat motor and receive \$100

September 25th & October 2nd
9:00am - 3:00 pm

The first 50 people to bring in their old conventional 2-stroke outboard motor into any of the participating marinas may receive a \$100 gift certificate.



The engines that are brought in will be recycled responsibly.

For participating marinas [click here](#).

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