FOCA Issues & Programs

FOCA leads many initiatives devoted to waterfront Ontario, and works with our members and partners on several on-the-ground efforts. Links are on FOCA website.

Hot Topics & Most Requested Links:

- Welcoming Newcomers & Cottage Country Etiquette
- Boating Issues (wake, speed, noise, safety...)
- Association Governance & Best Practices
- Road Issues
- Water Levels Management & Planning
- Rural Services (power, internet, fire, police...)
- Septic Systems parts, maintenance & re-inspection programs
- Pollution (Light, Noise, Plastics, Toxins...)
- Land Use & Planning (short-term rentals

Ongoing FOCA Programs, Long-term Files & Other Important Topics:

- The Economic Impact of Waterfront Property Owners
- Impacts of a Changing Climate (water levels, extreme weather, ice changes, Lyme disease, ...)
- Citizen Science
- Land Claims and Reconciliation
- Great Lakes Strategy & Research
- Property Taxation & MPAC Assessments
- Algae (Algal Blooms)
- Docks Permits & Boathouses
- Source Water Protection (Conservation Authorities, wells...)
- Water Quality, Healthy Shorelines & Lake Stewardship
- Lake Partner Program of Water Quality Monitoring
- Invasive Species Prevention (including Phragmites, Carps, IsampleON, Spongy Moth...)
- Cottage Succession Planning
- Emergency Preparedness in remote areas
- Risk Management for Volunteer Associations

- Lake Planning for community groups
- Government Engagement & Relations (elections, who does what? getting engaged in municipal budget planning, ...)