

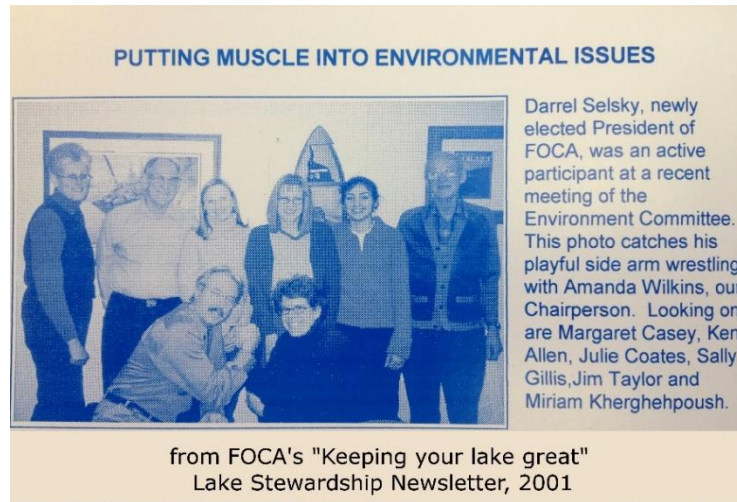
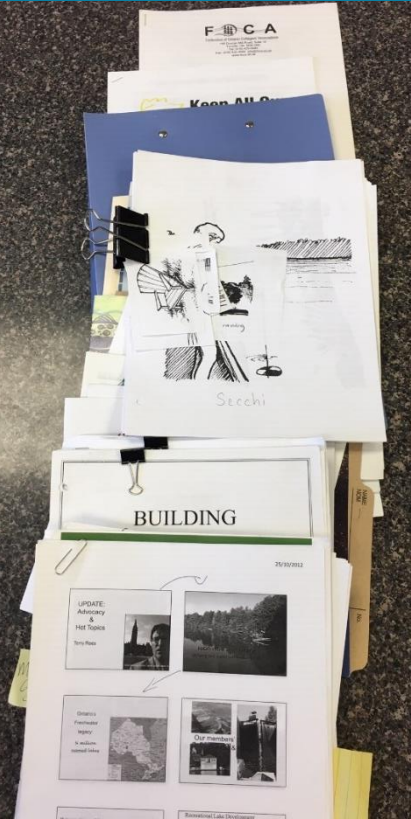


About FOCA: an overview



Terry Rees
FOCA Executive Director

60 years of volunteers
525 member associations
50,000 member families



60th anniversary celebration

HOLD THE DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2023
 at the Market Hall in Peterborough

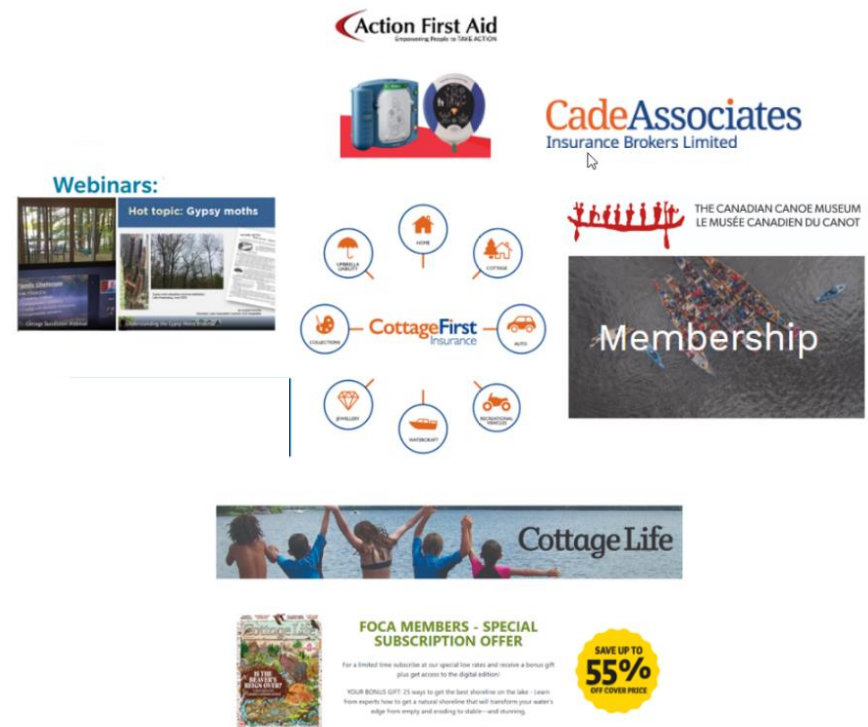
FOCA Member Benefits

Key service offerings for your Member Association:

- Member discount on liability insurance through the FOCA Insurance Program administered by Cade Associates
- “**Legal Helpline**” for the Association
- Free attendance or Member price on FOCA webinars and in-person seminars
- Policy updates & government advocacy on province-wide rural issues
- Articles, fact sheets, videos and brochures on hot topics (septic systems, invasives, short term rental...)
- Members-only web login for access to detailed governance support, rural road information & many more resources!

Do your member families know about all their benefits?

Plus, offers & discounts for all your Member families:



Action First Aid
Promoting People to Live Action

Cade Associates
Insurance Brokers Limited

Webinars:
Hot topic: Gypsy moths

CottageFirst Insurance

THE CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM
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Membership

Cottage Life

FOCA MEMBERS - SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER
For a limited time subscribe at our special low rates and receive a bonus gift plus get access to the digital edition!
YOUR BONUS GIFT: 25 ways to get the best discounts on the lake - Learn how experts love to get a natural shoreline that will transform your water's edge from empty and unloved to vibrant and thriving.

SAVE UP TO 55% OFF COVER PRICE

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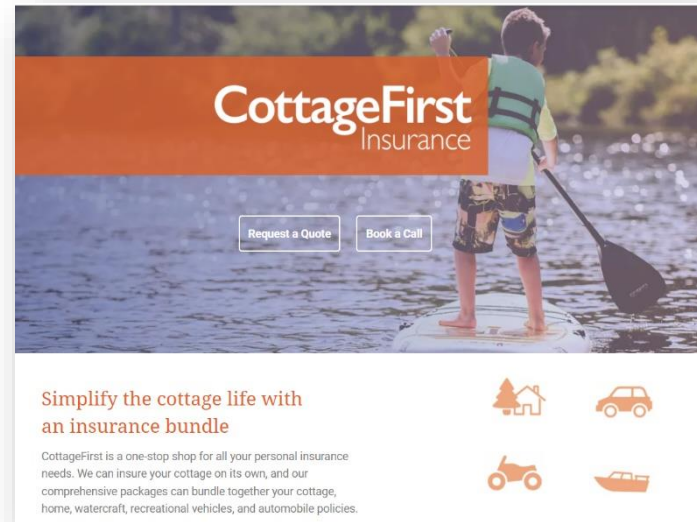
Protecting homes, boats, cars...
and Associations!

Cade Associates

Insurance Brokers Limited



Risk management solutions for **Lake and Road Associations**: CGL and D&O* insurance at the FOCA member rate.



+ **CottageFirst** group insurance program:
exclusively for FOCA member families!

Contact our partners at Cade: cadeinsurance.com/contact-us/

* CGL=Commercial General Liability D&O=Directors & Officers

FOCA was born in 1963

Member priorities over time...

Issues in 1963:

- Property Taxes
- Water Quality
- Municipal Elections timing
- Lack of Zoning, Planning & Building By-laws
- Municipal Services for cottagers

Issues in 1983:

- Water Pollution (re: health hazards)
- Property taxes
- Police/fire protection
- Local representation
- Fish depletion
- Overdevelopment
- Weeds & algae
- Road maintenance & plowing
- Septic systems

Issues 2023:

- Water quality
- Development/land use
- Short-term rentals
- Water levels
- Boating issues
- Invasive species
- Rural services
- Water levels
- Climate impacts
- Naturalizing shorelines
- Noise



source: FOCA member surveys



Vision, Mission, Mandate, & Strategic Priorities:

Our Vision:

FOCA envisions thriving and sustainable waterfronts across Ontario, now and for future generations.

Our Mission:

FOCA effectively serves and represents Ontario's lake associations, waterfront property owners (WPO) and waterfront communities through education, communication and government advocacy.

Our Mandate:

FOCA advocates for healthy lakes and rivers, and is the voice for Ontario's 250,000+ waterfront property owners.



**Promoting Healthy Lands,
Lakes and Rivers**



**Serving Lake and
Road Associations**



**Advocating for
Responsive Government**



**Championing Affordable
and Safe Rural Living**



**Fostering
Community**



**Building
Capacity**

About FOCA: our Board



Rick Blickstead



Donna Commerford



Ian Crawford



John Hickey



Mo Jansons



Harry Kim



Deborah Martin-Downs



Mary Ann Peden



Richard Peters



Michael Peterson



Eric Stuart



Hot Topics & Emerging Issues include...

Underused Housing Tax

for non-resident property owners

foca.on.ca/property-taxation-assessment/

Floating Accommodations

ERO posting #019-6590

foca.on.ca/floating-accommodations/

Land Use Planning

“Bill 23/97” impacts

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FOCA Programs



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**Cottage
 Succession
 A to Z**
 with estate lawyer
 Peter Lillico



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lake-partner-program/](https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program/)

The Value of FOCA: Communication & Education

HELP PROTECT OUR LAKES
It's the Law

Clean any plants, mud, mussels or debris from your boat and equipment.
Drain all standing water from your bilge, motor and livewell.
Dry your boat for 2-7 days or disinfect it with hot or pressurized water.

Here are common places aquatic invasive species may be hiding:

Anchor
Propeller / Dock Lines
Livewells
Bilge
Motor
Trailer
Hull
Rollers
Bunks
Axle
Propeller

Here are some species to look out for:

Zebra/Guagga Mussels
Spiny Water-leaf
Eurasian Water-milfoil

Report sightings of invasive species:

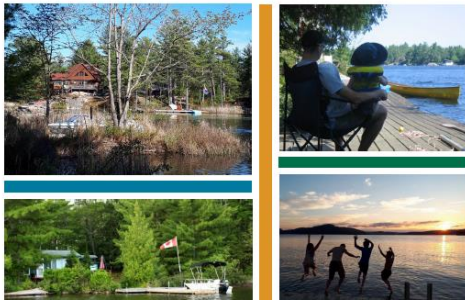
Invasive Species Hotline: 1-800-563-7711
EDOMaps Website: edomaps.org
EDOMaps App: iPhone/Android

Invasive Species Centre
www.invasivespeciescentre.ca
www.foca.on.ca



Short-Term Rental in Waterfront Ontario

An Overview for FOCA Member Associations and our Municipal Partners



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Septic Re-inspection Programs in Ontario

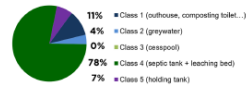
A FOCA Report for Community Groups (2019)

Ontario has 250,000 rural waterfront properties, and most rely on on-site wastewater treatment systems—also known as sewage systems or septic systems—to manage their household wastewater. FOCA initiated a project with partners to explore successes, challenges & lessons learned from existing municipal septic re-inspection programs across Ontario.

Top take-away: Education is key to successful sewage system management

Re-inspection statistics about the state of sewage systems across rural Ontario:
(consult the report for data sources & full details)

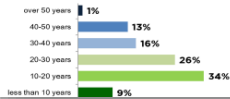
Class of Sewage Systems: among a set of 1,000 re-inspections in 2018



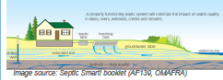
only **16%** of systems required a pump-out (solids over 1/3 of tank volume)

3/4 of major deficiencies were found in systems **30+ years old**

Age of Systems: among a set of 750 re-inspections in 2018

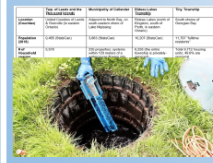


View the complete report online:
<https://foca.on.ca/septic-systems>



Municipal Case Studies:

- Township of Leeds & the Thousand Islands
- Municipality of Callander
- Township of Rideau Lakes
- Tiny Township



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Starting & Building an Effective Road Association

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bewakeaware.com

Lake Planning Handbook for Community Groups



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FOCA 'Lunch-n-Learn' Webinar: New Invasive Species and Watercraft Regulations in Ontario



with speaker: Jeremy Downe, Senior Invasive Species Policy/Program Advisor
Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 12 noon

ONCA: the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act

*what incorporated FOCA Associations
need to know & what to do next*

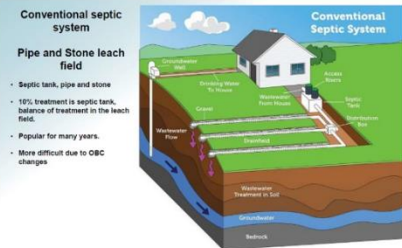
a FOCA Member 'Lunch-n-Learn' Webinar:

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 (12:00pm - 1:30pm)



A FOCA "Lunch 'n Learn" Zoom webinar: SEPTIC SYSTEMS in ONTARIO

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 (12:00pm-1:30pm)



brought to you by:



and event sponsor:



Municipal Election Engagement 101 for Associations

a FOCA Member 'Lunch-n-Learn' Webinar

**Wednesday, July 27, 2022
12:00pm - 1:00pm**

tips to rally the vote in your waterfront community for the October 2022 Municipal Elections



Cottage Succession Overview

Learn how to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage"

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm EDT**



Emergency Preparedness in Rural & Remote Areas

e.g. Lake Remote Emergency Response Locator

Fire/Ambulance/Police 911 (check if available in your area)

Emergency:

MNR (Forest Fires) 1-613-332-3940

Poison Centre: 1-800-268-9017

Other:

You are located on e.g. Lake Remote

County: e.g. Hastings

Township: e.g. Hastings Highlands

Municipal / Rural Address	e.g. 123 Remote Lake Lane
Island #:	e.g. 11
Our (911) number:	e.g. 1111111
Emergency access point: (Fire road # plus Civic (911) #)	e.g. Fire Road #2 e.g. #22222



Aviation, Forest Fires & Emergency Services



Muskoka Lakes Association

[foca.on.ca/
fire-safety/](http://foca.on.ca/fire-safety/)

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emergency-preparedness/](http://foca.on.ca/emergency-preparedness/)

[foca.on.ca/
water-levels/](http://foca.on.ca/water-levels/)

About this Community

source: 2022 FOCA surveys

among 711 survey respondents:

7 in 10

have four-season
road access to the
property

56%

are located on a
private road

1/3

say

digital access (high
speed internet, cell
service) limits their use
of the property

10%

are on an island or
are water-access
only





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this year!

FOCA Elert – April 2023

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FOCA Event - register now!

webinar: Cardiac Safe Communities & Your Association
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 12:00pm - Is your cottage community prepared for cardiac emergencies? Join FOCA and the experts from Action First Aid for a "touch and learn" webinar about the importance of automated external defibrillators (AED) and how to create a cardiac safe cottage community.

Highlights of this webinar session:

- hear real cardiac arrest save stories
- find out more about AEDs - when they are needed and why they are important
- watch a quick AED demo, and learn how to



FOCA Advocates for Responsive Government

Short Term Rental developments
In March, Seguin Township Council rejected a proposed recommendation to introduce a short-term rental (STR) by-law and licensing program. Meanwhile, the City of Kawartha Lakes Council voted on April 18th to move ahead with their STR by-law, implementing a soft start to the program for 2023 that includes a yearly license, insurance requirements, and an annual fee of \$1,200 for an un-hosted accommodation. Get links to these and related updates from FOCA's STR webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/rental/>

FOR RENT

Boat Noise Consultation Results Released
In early 2022 Transport Canada (TC) launched a "Let's Talk" web portal to collect public comments about possible changes to small vessel (boat) noise emissions. This month (April 2023) TC has released, "What we heard: Small vessel noise emissions" outlining which of the options proposed was most popular with public respondents. Get a link to this and related materials on [FOCA's Noise Pollution webpage](#). (image above from [relataid/transportation.ca](#))



FOCA Serves Lake & Road Associations

Know of a Lake or Road Association that isn't a FOCA member yet? **Share the news** about our services and benefits!



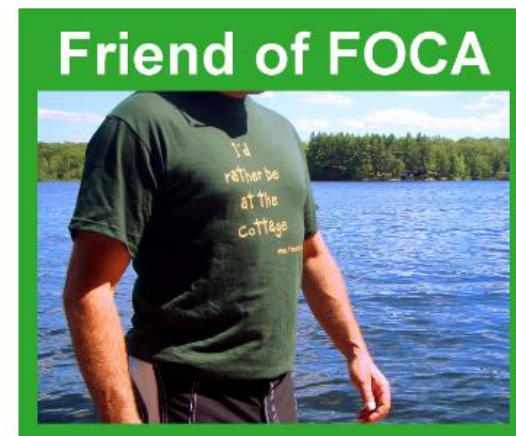
**PSSST!
Pass it on.**

Image courtesy of Andy Metelka

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Share the news about FOCA! To celebrate our 60th anniversary this year, refer a new Member to FOCA and you'll be entered into a draw for great prizes throughout the year!

Your lake. Your lifestyle. Your legacy. – Pass it on!

Your individual support matters! Thank you to our **annual supporters**: "Friends of FOCA"



Thank you!