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From: [Invasive Species Centre](#)
To: [Brock General](#)
Subject: Deadline Extended to September 30th! Calling all municipalities to participate in the National Invasive Species Municipal Expenditures Survey!
Date: July 26, 2021 1:30:24 PM



National Invasive Species Municipal Expenditures Survey

Please Participate!

We have extended our July 31, 2021 submission deadline to September 30, 2021! To date, we have received 100 responses from municipalities across Canada.

We are reminding all municipalities in Canada to report their expenditures, identify their priority species, and **help contribute to this important survey by September 30, 2021.**

Please consider responding even if you have no invasive species expenditures in your municipality or department, as additional important information can be captured under this survey.

The introduction and spread of invasive species threatens the environment, the economy, and society, including human health. However, the true cost of invasive species to Canadian municipalities remains unknown. For this reason, the Invasive Species Centre and Environment and Climate Change Canada, with the support of the federal-provincial-territorial Invasive Alien Species National Committee, are conducting a review of known economic costs of invasive species to municipal and local governments across Canada. In 2019 the Invasive Species Centre conducted an Ontario-wide survey, the result of this survey found that the combined potential impacts of invasive species on agriculture, fisheries, forestry, healthcare, tourism, and the recreation industry are estimated to be approximately \$3.6 billion per year in Ontario! Municipalities and conservation agencies invest \$50 million per year to control invasives.

Building on the success of the Ontario-wide survey, a questionnaire has been developed to assess the direct costs of invasive species detection, prevention, and management by Canadian municipalities. Examples include hiring contractors to cut down dead ash trees impacted by emerald ash borer, conducting research to prevent the spread of invasive goldfish, hiring summer students to attend outreach events, promoting boat wash stations, and more! A better understanding of our individual and collective costs will help improve and prioritize planning and resource allocation for this serious and growing issue, along with helping you to use this data in your own municipal planning and presentations to your municipal committees and Council.

We are calling on all municipalities in Canada to report their expenditures, identify their priority species, and help contribute to this important survey. Please note that for the purpose of this survey, municipalities and local governments include all cities, towns, villages, parishes, rural (county) or metropolitan municipalities, etc., for the thirteen provinces and territories across Canada.

[Access the English Survey](#)

[Access the French Survey](#)

To successfully gather information and accurately represent municipal expenditures, contribution from every community is necessary. Responses to this survey should be specific to the most recent fiscal year, to the best of your ability. You can respond on behalf of your department or your municipality as a whole.

We appreciate you taking the time to fill out these questions as thoroughly as you can. This survey should be submitted by September 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@invasivespeciescentre.ca Thank you for your important contribution!



About the Invasive Species Centre

The Invasive Species Centre is a not-for-profit organization that prevents the spread of invasive species in Canada and beyond by connecting with stakeholders to catalyze invasive species management and communicate policy and science knowledge. For more info visit invasivespeciescentre.ca.

About Environment and Climate Change Canada

Environment and Climate Change Canada informs Canadians about protecting and conserving our natural heritage, and ensuring a clean, safe, and sustainable environment for present and future generations. For more info visit canada.ca.

About the Invasive Alien Species National Committee

The Invasive Alien Species National Committee is a federal-provincial-territorial committee established in 2018 working to increase policy coordination and information sharing with regards to invasive alien species prevention, detection, and management. For more info, reach the Secretariat at ec.secretariatcneee-nciasecretariat.ec@canada.ca.

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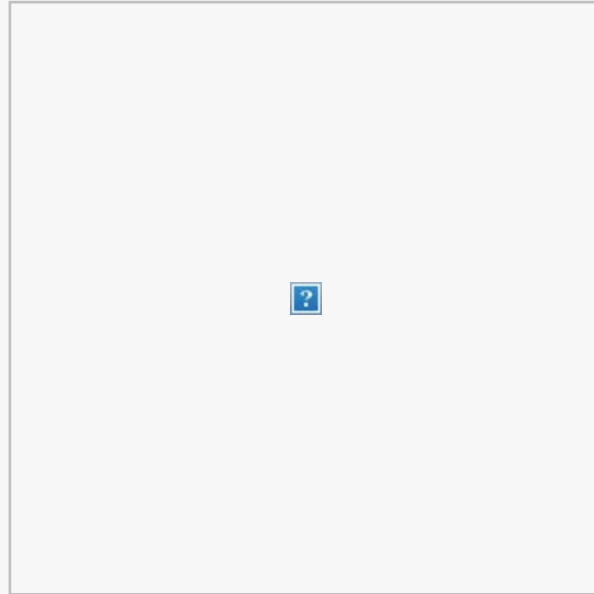
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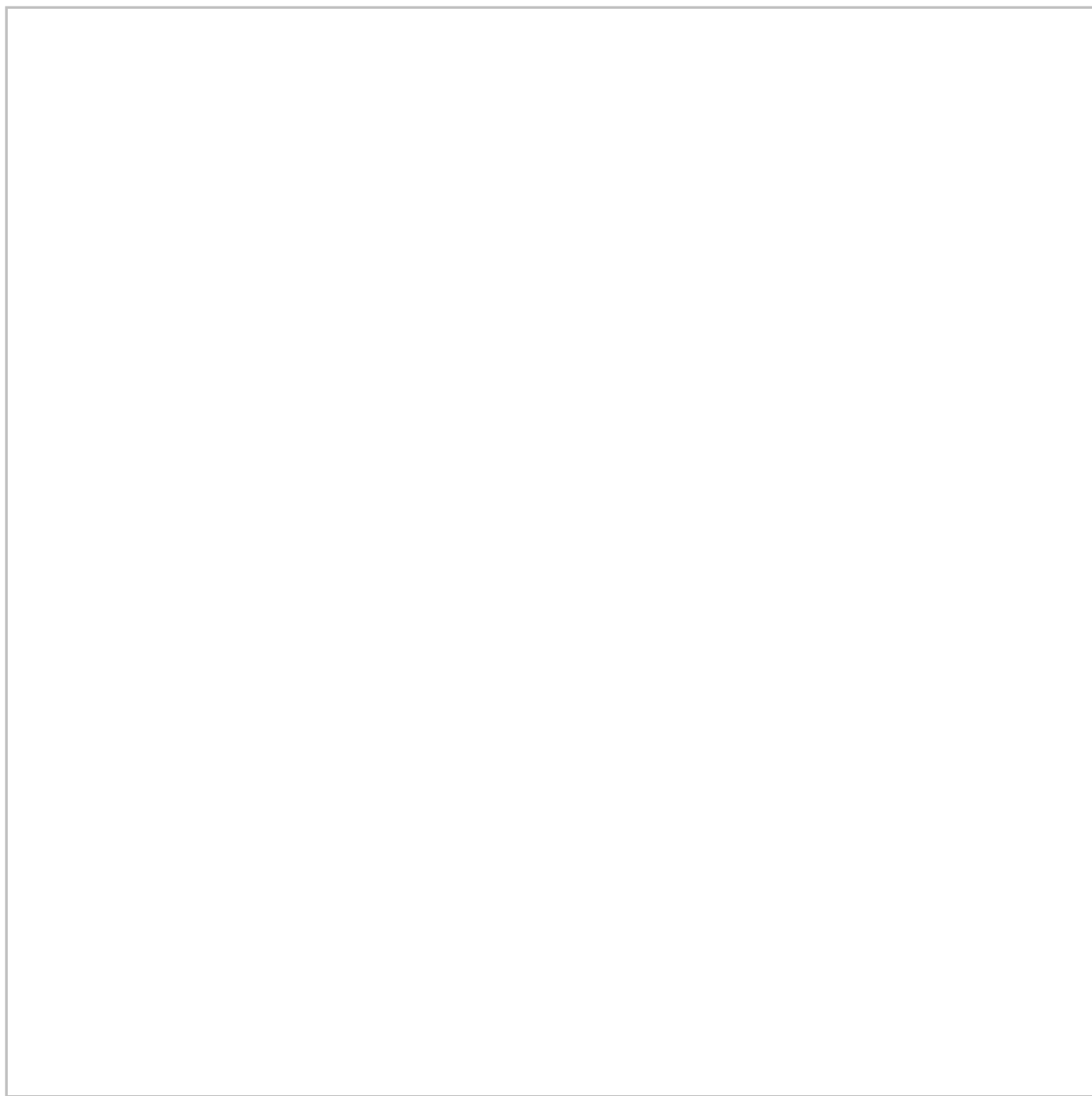
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To: [Brock General](#)
Subject: A Snapshot of 2020
Date: July 26, 2021 2:29:29 PM





Community Development Council Durham (CDCD), thanks you for your valuable partnership, support, and strong collaborations with our agency!

2020 brought challenges and new opportunities to all of us as residents, staff, and service organizations. I, therefore, hope you and your loved ones remain safe, healthy, and in high spirits.

I am pleased to share our 2020 Annual Report ([click here](#)) and impressive digital art that depicts our successes and themes highlighted at our recent AGM event.

CDCD remains committed to identifying regional community development needs and informing relevant policy and programming while supporting and delivering effective services.

As always, we look forward to continuing to build our working relationship and partnerships with you.

Sincerely,

Hermia Corbette
Executive Director, CDCD

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To: [Brock Clerks](#)
Subject: FW: Lake Simcoe Run-Off/Pollution
Date: July 19, 2021 9:36:21 AM

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From: noreply@townshipofbrock.ca <noreply@townshipofbrock.ca> On Behalf Of Harris Matthew Rosen
Sent: July 19, 2021 6:40 AM
To: Brock General <brock@brock.ca>
Subject: Lake Simcoe Run-Off/Pollution

I support a motion asking for a full impact assessment of the proposed by-pass (16.2 km) south of Lake Simcoe between Highways 400 and 404. It is essential in light of the recent GYF and other pollution issues.

Origin: <https://www.townshipofbrock.ca/en/municipal-office/council-calendar.aspx>

This email was sent to you by Harris Matthew Rosen [REDACTED] through <https://www.townshipofbrock.ca>.

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To: [Brock Clerks](#)
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[Maralee Drake](#)

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July 2021

Reflecting on our Municipal Engagement Survey results

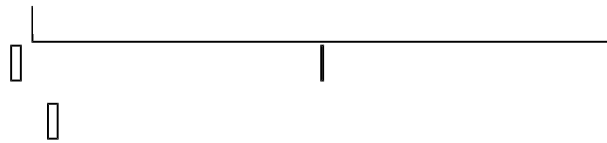
Collaboration with our municipal partners has become more important than ever. Throughout the pandemic, we continued to look for opportunities to connect and share insights and information about property assessments and Ontario's changing property landscape.

At the start of the year, we sent out a survey to a range of municipal staff, elected officials and CAOs in all municipalities across the province to gauge the effectiveness of our communication and interaction with these stakeholder groups.

Survey results showed that any recollection of an interaction with MPAC, or frequent engagements with MPAC, left respondents with a positive impression of the organization. Satisfaction with local Account Managers shone through, with 95% of respondents reporting a positive relationship with their MPAC representatives.

With the survey active for just over a week, we received a total of 346 responses and the responses showed us that we have continued to strengthen local relationships and in return, consistently receive positive feedback. Favourable impressions of MPAC have increased from 57% in 2019 to 78% in 2020, with most respondents identifying that the majority of the content they receive from us is valuable to them.

With opportunities to improve our relationships and communication, we have continued to build positive relationships with our partners and stakeholders. We thank all those who responded to our survey and value your feedback and ongoing collaboration.



MPAC partners with TRREB and CREA on event for Ontario REALTORS®

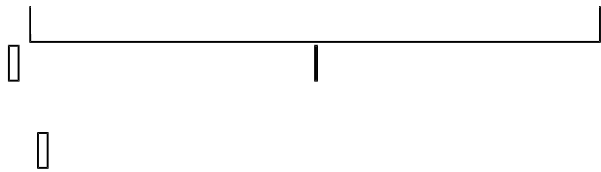
We recently hosted a special event for Ontario REALTORS® on the current state of the real estate market.

MPAC's Greg Martino, Vice-President and Chief Valuation and Standards Officer, along with Jason Mercer, Chief Market Analyst and Director of Service Channels, Toronto Regional Real Estate Board, and Shaun Cathcart, Chief Economist, Canadian Real Estate Association, each shared insights on how the pandemic has impacted the market and how these current trends may change the way we live and work indefinitely.

Participants were also given information on how REALTORS® can use MPAC products to leverage our Automated Valuation Model (AVM), to improve customer confidence and gain a professional edge.

[Watch a recording](#) of the event and hear what trends are arising in today's real estate market.





How the pandemic is impacting property sectors in Ontario

Join MPAC subject matter experts for an overview and discussion on MPAC's analysis and insights into how the pandemic has impacted property sectors across Ontario, including residential, retail, hospitality and industrial sectors, among others.

Subject Matter Experts/Speakers:

- Chris Rickett, Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations
- Joe Regina, Director, Valuation and Assessment Standards

As always, there will be time for your questions.



Date: Monday, August 30
Time: 1 to 2 p.m. EDT

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MPAC at AMO 2021 conference

The COVID-19 pandemic changed our communities and our plans. We continue to focus on supporting the changing needs of municipalities by adapting, innovating and championing modernization, both within our business and related to our products and services. We are also looking ahead to a future province-wide Assessment Update. Join us to learn about how property values in Ontario have changed since 2016 and the ways we continue to support property owners in understanding their assessments.

Our update is scheduled for Monday, August 16 from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and features remarks by:

- Al Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors
- Nicole McNeill, MPAC President and Chief Administrative Officer
- Carmelo Lipsi, MPAC Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
- Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance

We will also hosting a session that looks at regional market trends in real estate, and will be participating on a panel about e-permitting.

Our session includes a question and answer period and we welcome your questions in advance, sent to [Julia Lipman](#), and live during our session. We encourage your questions so we can talk about the items that matter most to you!

If your municipality would like to meet with MPAC staff virtually during the AMO conference regarding a local property assessment issue, please reach out to [Jason Hagan](#) to make arrangements.





With the support of Account Manager, Jon Hebden and other MPAC staff, the City of Kitchener undertook a successful review of its city-owned properties that are subject to taxation, which resulted in savings to the municipality and worthwhile data corrections and updates. To support the review, MPAC staff reviewed the value and tax status of 5 city-owned properties.

“Our review took place during the pandemic, and MPAC staff used pictures we provided, building plans and phone interviews to verify the information they needed without being able to conduct on-site inspections,” says Amboka Wameyo, Property Assessment Analyst, City of Kitchener. “As a result of our review and MPAC’s support, adjustments to more than half of the properties that were reviewed led to savings in taxes payable, either through value decline or change in tax status.”

Changes to municipal buildings can happen throughout the year, such as new tenants, and some changes may impact the building’s tax class or result in a change in use. Periodically reviewing key properties and sharing current information with MPAC supports municipal assessment base management and helps ensure fair and equitable assessment.

Do you have a great story about our partnerships in action? [Share it with us.](#)



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From: [FUS Emailer](#)
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Cc: gabriela.banyi@scm.ca
Subject: 2021 National Fire Chief of the Year Awards / Appel de mises en candidatures 2021 - ON
Date: July 26, 2021 5:12:56 PM

Dear CAO,

Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) and the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) are proud to sponsor the 2021 National Fire Chief of the Year Awards event. Each year two fire chiefs are selected (one for Volunteer Fire Departments and one for Career Fire Departments) based on their outstanding contribution to their community.

If you feel your Fire Chief deserves the prestigious “Canadian Fire Chief of the Year” award and fulfills the criteria identified in the nomination form, please take a moment to complete the [nomination form](#) and submit it before the deadline of **August 3rd, 2021**.

This is an opportunity to recognize excellence both for your fire chief, but also for your own region’s commitment to safety and its community.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 3rd, 2021

Thank you,

Fire Underwriters Survey

À l’attention du directeur général,

Le Service d’inspection des assureurs incendie (SIAI) et l’Association canadienne des chefs de pompiers (ACCP) sont fiers de commanditer les prix d’excellence 2021 décernés aux directeurs des services de sécurité incendie chaque année. Deux chefs de pompiers sont choisis en fonction de leur contribution exceptionnelle à leur collectivité, un dans la catégorie Pompiers à temps partiel et l’autre dans la catégorie Pompiers à temps plein.

Si vous croyez que votre directeur du service de sécurité incendie mérite ce prix prestigieux de « Chef pompier de l’année » et qu’il répond aux critères énoncés dans le formulaire de mise en candidature, [pour soumettre sa candidature](#) avant la date limite du **3 août 2021**.

De plus, il s’agit d’une belle occasion de reconnaître, non seulement l’excellence de votre directeur du service de sécurité incendie, mais votre engagement envers la sécurité au sein de votre collectivité. **DATE LIMITE DE SOUMISSION : 3 août 2021**

Merci.

Le Service d’inspection des assureurs incendie

From: [Jodi Akins](#)
To: premier@ontario.ca
Cc: [Pettapiece-co. Randy](#); John.Nater@parl.gc.ca; "amo@amo.on.ca"; "info@fcm.ca"; events@osum.ca
Subject: Resolution - Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants
Date: July 27, 2021 3:48:09 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Premier - July 23 2021 - Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants.pdf](#)

Dear Premier Ford,

Attached please find a letter from the City Clerk with respect to a recent resolution adopted by Stratford City Council.

Your support and endorsement of the resolution is requested.

Sincerely,



Jodi Akins (she, her)
Council Clerk Secretary
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July 23, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution to Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants

At their June 28, 2021 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution petitioning the provincial government to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon-based sustainable alternatives.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe
Clerk

Encl.
/ja

cc: MPP Randy Pettapiece
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

Resolution: Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants

WHEREAS the Earth is on course toward a climate crisis, unless timely actions are taken to minimize the greenhouse effect;

AND WHEREAS the use of fossil fuels is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect because of the increasing amount of heat trapping Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere;

AND WHEREAS Stratford, along with other municipalities has declared a "Climate Emergency" and is considering a Carbon Net Zero goal to be achieved by 2050;

AND WHEREAS the 2050 Carbon Net Zero goal has been, and is being adopted by countries and governments at all levels, as well as by industries, social and economic institutions;

AND WHEREAS the most effective way of achieving that goal is through initiatives in reducing carbon footprint, and greening;

AND WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, Electricity generation fueled by Natural gas contributes substantially to the province's carbon footprint and provides an opportunity for rapid reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through the elimination of this form of generation;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of environmental and economic wellbeing for the province of Ontario, immediate action to replace the gas generators by sustainable zero carbon alternatives should be undertaken;

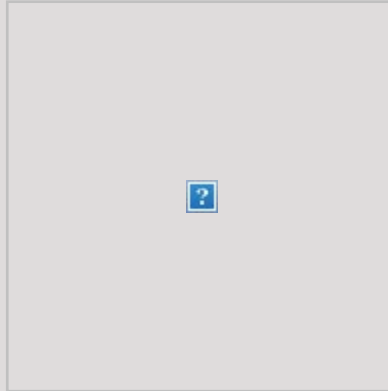
NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Stratford strongly appeal to the Government of Ontario to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon based sustainable alternatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to Ontario municipalities and their organizations including AMO and OSUM for their consideration of support.

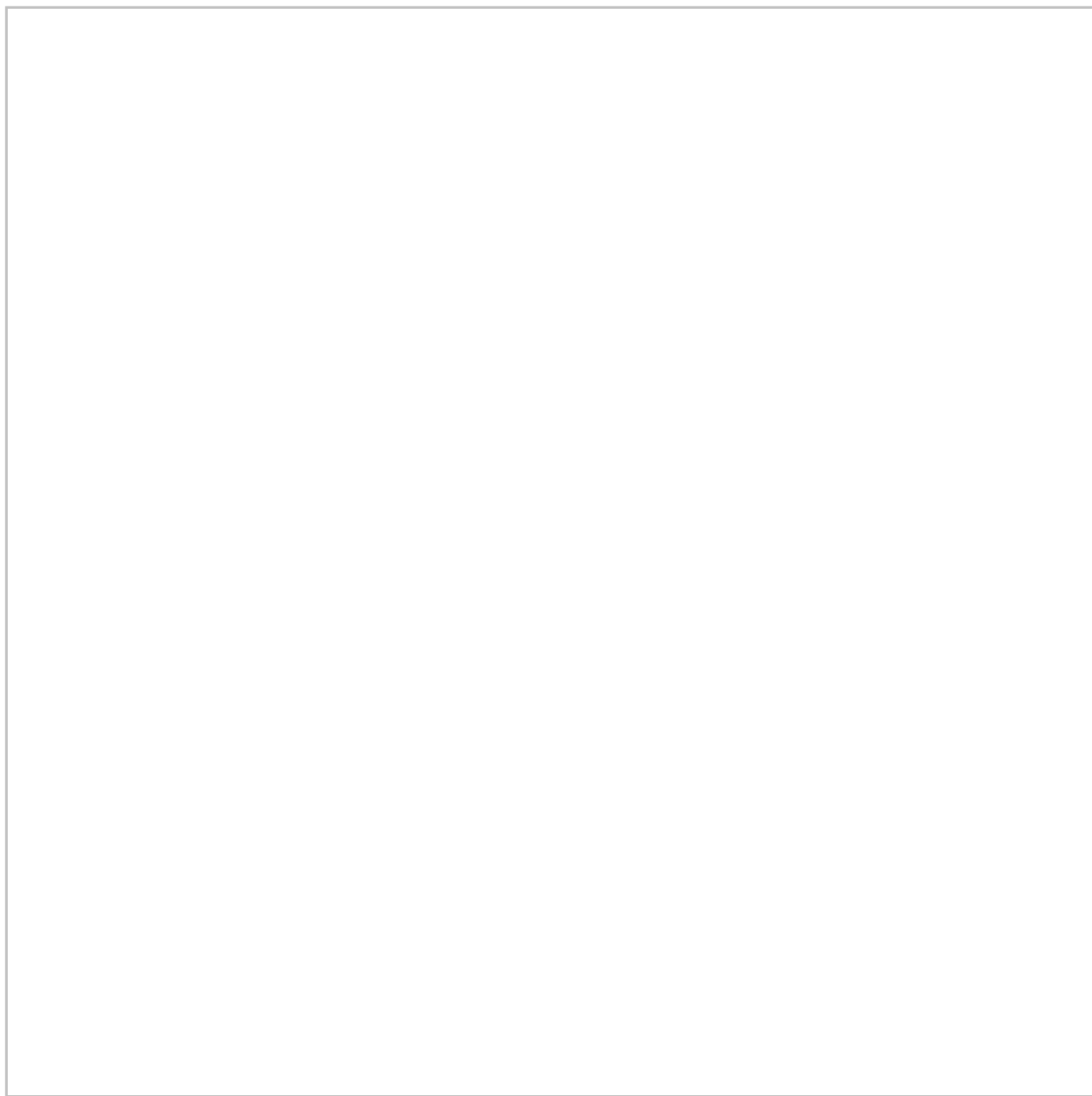
Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on June 28, 2021

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 ext 5329, clerks@stratford.ca

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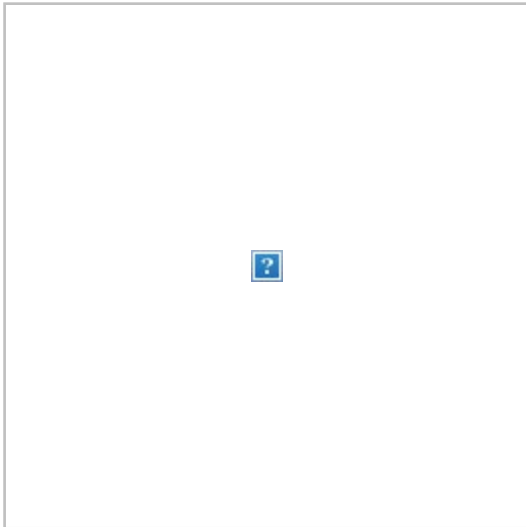


Join your peers at Philanthropy Forum.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021: Virtual Conference

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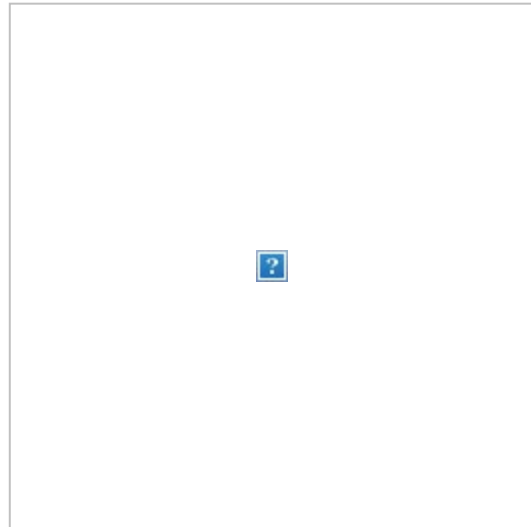


Walk for Your Cause

Sunday, October 17, 2021: Souls Path, Blackstock

Our annual Walk for YOUR Cause, offers a platform for local charities, nonprofits, and businesses to raise funds for their favourite cause in support of our community. We're more than happy to set up the walk site, and provide the food so you can focus on building your team and raising money for your organization.

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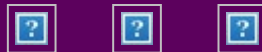


#DurhamGivesBack

November 30, 2021: Social Media Campaign

Durham Community Foundation is championing #DurhamGivesBack on Tuesday November 30, 2021. The Social Media Campaign will highlight the impact of the sector in our community and encourage our residents to give back by volunteering, or funding local work.

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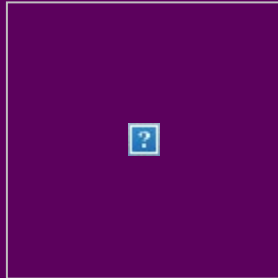
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To: [Brock General](#)
Subject: When it comes to safety facts matter – latest OCAA misinformation
Date: July 28, 2021 4:20:07 PM

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When it comes to safety facts matter – latest OCAA misinformation

Once again, the Ontario Clean Air Alliance is advancing misinformation and distorting the truth and facts to support their erroneous policy objective of phasing out nuclear energy to support their own agenda.

Today, they issued another communication using words like “dangerous” when staff from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission had this to say; “The defence-in-depth approach to design assures that there are multiple provisions and barriers to prevent an accident and mitigate their consequences, should they occur.”

More information on pressure tubes from the CNSC can be found [here](#).

Again, as we saw with their recent misinformation campaign regarding the Pickering nuclear site, their latest rhetoric is proven to be just plain wrong. Pickering plays a critical role in Ontario’s energy mix and continues to demonstrate the highest levels of safety.

The CNSC’s recent order referred to is in fact consistent with the principles demonstrated by nuclear operators to maintain safety through inspections and inspection data as a proven method to demonstrate the fitness for service of pressure tubes.

As has clearly been expressed, safety is not impacted and nuclear operators will use their inspection tools and results to continue to demonstrate safety and fitness for service of these components and will follow the independent CNSC process.

Again, the actions by the regulator are part of Canada’s world-renowned nuclear safety regime; they are not a threat to it. Groups like the OCAA would do better to focus on how all energy sources can work together to help Canada meet its net-zero commitments, rather than practice fear mongering and spread misinformation.

Here is a fact that cannot be disputed: Canada’s nuclear industry is safe and nothing is more important to us than the wellbeing of our employees, our communities and our families. Ontario’s nuclear sector will continue its commitment to safety and providing clean, affordable reliable energy every day to families and businesses.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinions but not their own facts.

When it comes to safety, facts matter.



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Subject: AMO WatchFile - July 29, 2021

AMO Watchfile not displaying correctly? [View the online version](#)
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July 29, 2021

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- AMO 2021 Training: AMO is working to bring members what they need.
- Deadline to submit your questions for the Ministers' Forums is August 6.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- Risk Management Symposium - (em)Powering Change.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Roth IAMS.
- Careers: Kelowna and Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Provincial Matters

AMO submitted [comments](#) on their *Strengthening Environmental Compliance Approach* to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks on July 2nd. Submissions are due August 6th. For more details, consult the [Environmental](#)

Registry.

Eye on Events

AMO has been piloting a number of training offerings in 2021. You can [see what we have developed](#) with you in mind. Spaces are filling fast.

AMO 2021 includes 3 Ministers Forums focused on issues that matter to your council and communities. Registered delegates who are municipal councillors or Heads of Council are invited to submit questions through this [on-line form](#). **Do so by noon on Friday August 6.** Don't miss this year's incredible program line-up. There is still time to [register](#) for AMO 2021.

We have booked our keynote speaker for the virtual [Risk Management Symposium](#) this October. Dr. Blair Feltmate is the Head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation. We have many sessions and panel discussions, all to help empower your decision-making in relation to climate change and your municipality.

4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering [JHSC online training](#) at member [preferred pricing](#). Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

LAS

Our [Canoe Procurement Group](#) has a new vendor and category! Looking for a facility condition assessment, energy assessment, or some help with recommissioning or asset management planning? Roth IAMS from Oakville is your go-to for Facility Assessment and Planning. [Contact Tanner](#) for more information.

Careers

[General Manager, Infrastructure - City of Kelowna](#). Part of the senior leadership team (SLT), this position provides critical leadership to Infrastructure Delivery, Integrated Transportation, Infrastructure Operations, and Utility Services departments. First Resume Review: August 20, 2021. To apply, please email a cover letter & resume (PDF or Word Document only) to Vancouver@leadersinternational.com and indicate the role title in the subject line.

[Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer - Credit Valley Conservation Authority \(CVC\)](#). As CAO / Secretary-Treasurer, you will provide visionary leadership and direction to achieve CVC's mission to work with our partners to protect, restore and positively impact the management of the watershed through the establishment of environmental programs. To explore this opportunity further, please send an email or apply by submitting your cover letter and resume to hr@cvc.ca. Please quote "Chief Administrative Officer/SecretaryTreasurer" in the subject line of your application email. Closing date: August 27, 2021

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component

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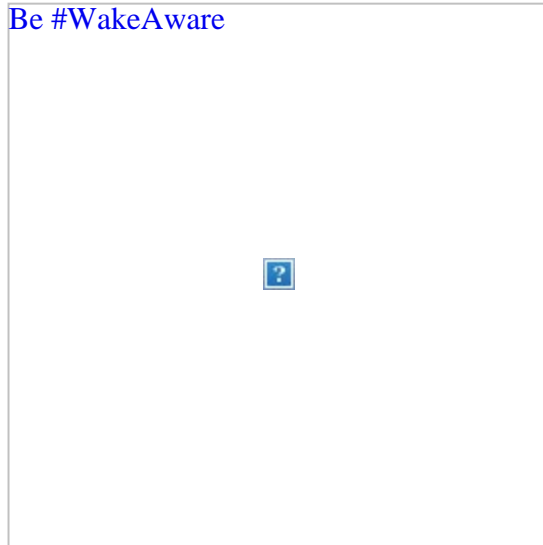
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Be #WakeAware

In response to ongoing member comments and concerns about the effects of boat wakes,

FOCA is very pleased to announce the release of a new video and companion website: <https://www.bewakeaware.com/> with information for all water users about the impacts of wakes, and educational resources to use and share.

[Be #WakeAware](#)



The **Be #WakeAware** campaign is a joint initiative of the Muskoka Lakes Association, Safe Quiet Lakes and FOCA. Please share the website information and the video link with your waterfront community. The video YouTube address can be copied and pasted:
<https://youtu.be/X3bYBPbP0qk>

FOCA 2021 Virtual Fall Seminar for Associations

HOLD THE DATE!

Saturday, November 6, 2021

by webinar (9:00am - 11:30am)

Stay tuned to the Elert for details and the registration link, coming later this summer.

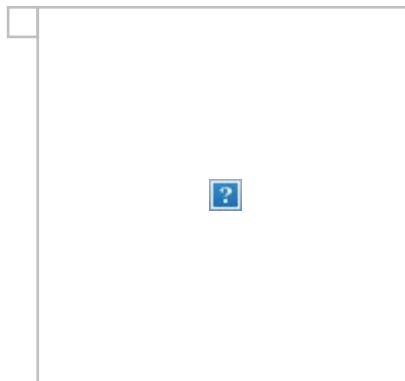


Association Members: Do your members know about ALL their FOCA benefits?

All members of our Member Associations are entitled to access a series of discounts, special offers and other member benefits. Get the details (and login for information about the access codes), here:

<https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>

You'll need your FOCA Member login for this and other member materials on the website. Don't have, or can't recall, the login? Email info@foca.on.ca, and we'll reply during business hours.



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FOCA Advocates for Responsive Government

Border announcement

The Government of Canada has announced it will soon open the border to fully vaccinated travellers, starting with Americans in early August, followed by other foreign nationals tentatively in early September. Get details about this and other updates on the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on our communities, here:

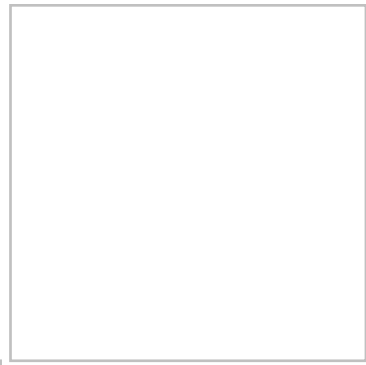
<https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>



Electricity Pricing

On July 16, 2021 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a new Procedural Order granting Hydro One a 4-week extension to reply to outstanding questions about the implementation of the elimination of the **Seasonal Rate Class**, moving the timeline back by a month. Read the Order and get background information on FOCA's webpage:

<https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>



Fines Issued for Bylaw Infractions

Local municipalities establish Official Plans and Bylaws to uphold community standards, environmental protection and safety. When faced with contraventions, enforcement becomes a commitment to uphold these standards, including dedicating the resources to see it through.

FOCA notes a significant recent [video statement](#) and related [media release](#) from the **Township of Muskoka Lakes**, stating: *"Following the issuance of Stop Work Orders, multiple property owners and their contractors have been charged under the Tree Preservation By-law and Site Alteration By-law."*

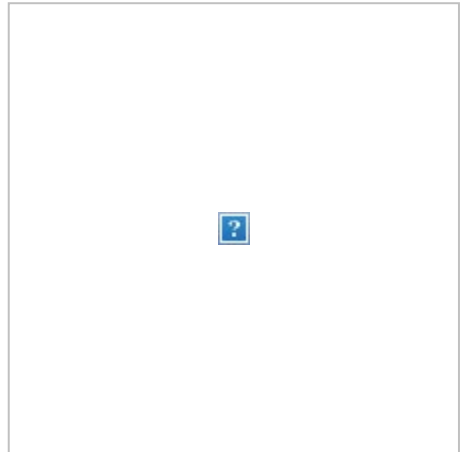
We are inspired by this action and hope other municipalities follow suit on this, and other, bylaw infractions.



FOCA Champions Affordable & Safe Rural Living

Boat Safety message from OPP

FOCA and our members are saddened by recent tragic boating accidents on Ontario's waterways. In the words of Provincial Marine Coordinator Sgt. Dave Moffatt, the 2021 season has been "terrible". Please see an important video message from Sgt. Moffatt, posted to our webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/safe-boating/>



Cottage Succession

FOCA and estate lawyer Peter Lillico have been teaching families about successful **cottage succession planning** for the past decade! Our traditional in-person events have shifted to digital for 2021. Thank you to our member associations who are the local



hosts of these seminars. Upcoming events include:

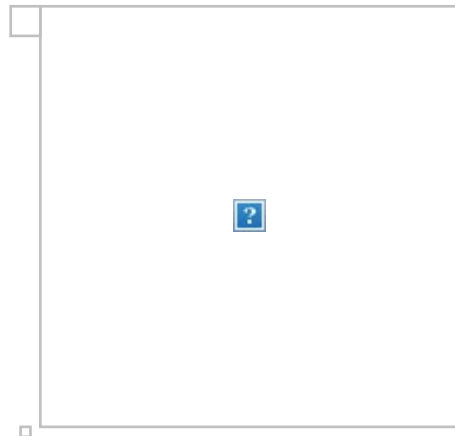
- **August 14, 2021:** "Cottage Succession A to Z" webinar for the Chaffey's Area Lakes Association and the Buck Lake Association
- **September 14, 2021:** "Camp Succession A to Z" webinar for our Thunder Bay area associations, hosted by the West Loon Lake Campers' Association
- **October (TBD):** "Trusting the Cottage" webinar about trust techniques; this session will be open to ALL FOCA members.

Live attendance at FOCA's Cottage Succession webinars is free as part of your Association's annual membership in FOCA! Contact your association for registration details for the August and September events listed above.

For more information, or to purchase access to recordings of past seminars, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>

Forest Fire Danger

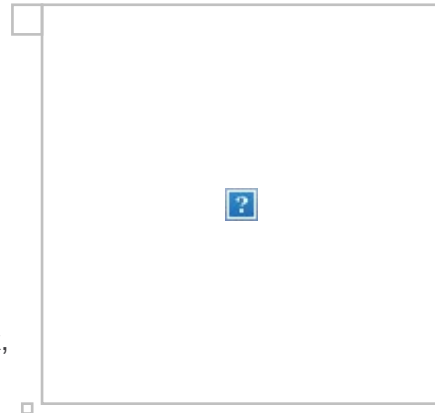
Much of Northwestern Ontario is under a high forest fire danger rating, with some community evacuations also occurring. One example, 'Kenora 51' fire was reported as "not under control" at end of day Thursday, and mapped at over 170,000 hectares. Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires#section-2> for updated information about the current forest fire danger regionally, and fire restrictions across the province. Also, consider downloading a new app called FireFringe: <https://www.firefringe.com/>



Cottage Fire Safety Reminder

The **Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire Chief** has credited working smoke alarms for helping to save lives in a cottage fire in Tobermory earlier this month. The fire started just before 4 a.m. and the family was able to collect pets and safely exit the cottage before fire completely destroyed the building.

The Fire Chief reminds short-term renters and cottage visitors to test smoke alarms and make a fire plan if staying at a cottage unknown to them. "When it is dark, or on fire and full of smoke, it adds a whole extra layer to trying to get out," so make sure you practice two ways to exit the cottage, and check the smoke alarms to ensure they are working as soon as you arrive. [The news and image comes from the Owen Sound Sun Times](#) (Post Media).





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FOCA Promotes Healthy Lands, Lakes & Rivers

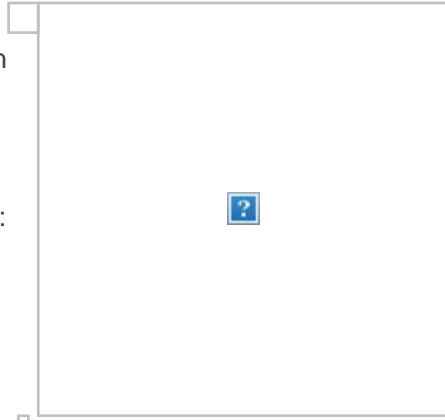
Lake Partner Program

FOCA is pleased that the **Lake Partner Program** is in full operation for 2021, and our many volunteers are encouraged to continue your sampling for this season, following all Public Health advice and restrictions in your area. Volunteers are also reminded you can review FOCA's sampling tips video:

<https://youtu.be/8NUFVK8eQ6Q>

Our goal is to continue to engage our hundreds of volunteers and build our collective knowledge about the province's fabulous aquatic resources. Many thanks to all the volunteers that keep this program going! Find out more, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program/>

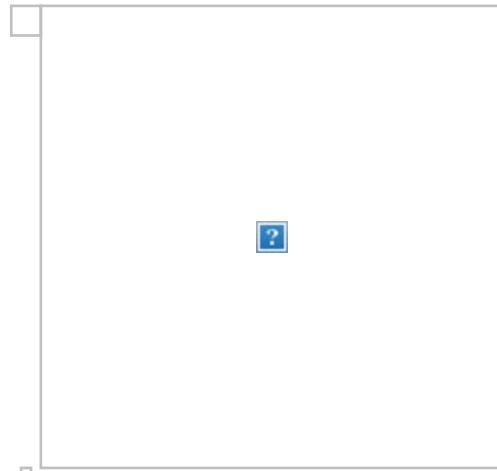


event recap: Invasive Phragmites

June 29, 2021 - Brooke Harrison from **Georgian Bay Forever** joined FOCA for a 'lunch & learn' webinar about invasive Phragmites: its characteristics, its spread and its controls. FOCA Members can access the event recording here:

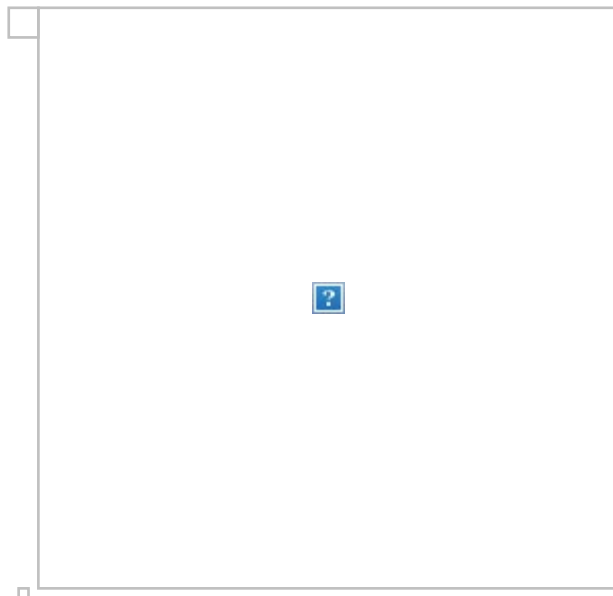
<https://foca.on.ca/phragmites/>.

FOCA is proud to be part of the **Green Shovels collaborative**, supporting important strategic efforts to manage this invasive plant.



reminder: Photo Contest

As part of the **IsampleON** program of invasive species awareness, monitoring and education, FOCA and our partners at the Invasive Species Centre remind everyone to submit a picture to the **IsampleON Photo Contest** by **August 31, 2021**. The photo should show what you are protecting (i.e., your favourite waterbody!) or how you are protecting it from invasive species. Click the image at the side to open a PDF poster explaining the contest steps, or go directly to the **submission portal** on Survey Monkey. All entrants will be included in a draw to win a great lakeside prize pack.



event recap & ongoing webinar series:

Ontario Biodiversity Summit

On July 15, 2021 FOCA's **Terry Rees** participated in a panel discussion at the Ontario Biodiversity Summit on '**Restoring Aquatic Biodiversity**'. The recording will eventually be [posted here](#) (scroll down to "Restoring Aquatic Biodiversity" section).

Find out more about how nature can help us address climate change and biodiversity loss. Attend one or more of the 2021 **Ontario Biodiversity Summit** virtual sessions, continuing through September. [Get details & register for sessions here.](#)



Lake of the Woods - Lake Level Survey

The **Lake of the Woods Control Board** is interested in feedback from property owners affected by low spring water levels between March and May on Lake of the Woods (LOW), Lac Seul, the Winnipeg River or English River. Participate in the survey by August 31, 2021.

[Details and the survey link are posted online here.](#)

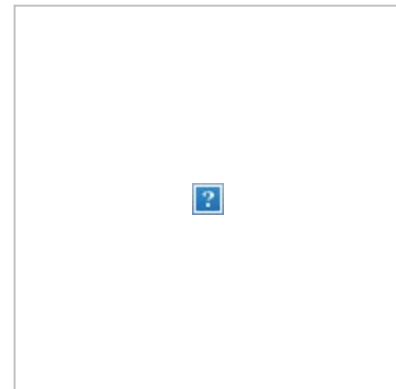


Algal Bloom Studies in Muskoka

The District of Muskoka has retained consultants to conduct causation studies in five area lakes - Bass, Echo, Stewart, Leonard and Three Mile - to attempt to determine what has caused algae blooms or elevated phosphorus levels in recent years. This follows a pilot project in Peninsula Lake, conducted in 2019.

[Read more in the Huntsville Doppler Online.](#)

(file image: Ministry of Environment, 2011)



Cyanobacteria Blooms

For those interested in taking a 'deep dive' (figuratively-speaking only!) into harmful algal blooms, the latest Issue of the **North American Lake Management Society's** publication '**LakeLine**' is devoted to the subject. [Download a copy of LakeLine](#) (PDF, 44 pages)



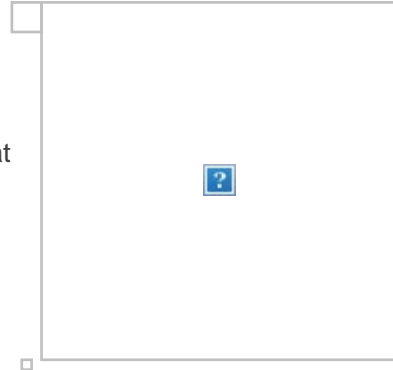
Lakes Appreciation

The **North American Lake Management Society** (NALMS) thanks everyone who has been celebrating "**Lakes Appreciation Month**" this July! FOCA is a proud member of NALMS.

<https://www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/>

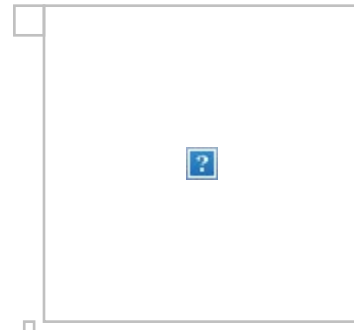
Great Lakes Survey

The **International Joint Commission Great Lakes Water Quality Board** invites you to complete a survey about issues related to the Great Lakes and water quality including your opinions, values and beliefs about the Great Lakes, as well as your concerns and suggestions for the future. Participate in the survey by **August 15, 2021**: <https://ijc.org/en/wqb/great-lakes-poll>



For our Municipal Partners...

As reported recently by Water Canada, a new partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will receive \$500,000 in funding to allow municipal leaders to access NOAA training and workshops to help fortify coastal habitats, increase capacity and design restoration projects. [Read the news on Water Canada's website.](#)



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FOCA is Building Capacity

Welcome, Cheryl!

FOCA welcomes Cheryl Abernethy who has assumed the role of **Programs Coordinator** for a number of FOCA's 2021 environmental programs.



Find our more about Cheryl, and all the FOCA team, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/about/team/>

FOCA Fosters Community

"New to cottaging" video resource from FOCA

We know lots of folks are having their FIRST cottage country experience this year, and may be thinking about buying or building a cottage. **FOCA has created a video** with key information about choosing an area, understanding the nature of your property, considerations for buying or building, and ways to get the most out of the experience including connecting with the local lake association! Click the image below to view:



The video link is: <https://youtu.be/degdS-i5hDk>

Please post and share this information to help those in the early stages of their decision-making to start their waterfront experience sustainably and in harmony with their new community and the environment.

This, and other important information for new cottagers is available on FOCA's new webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage/> - share this!

Final Thoughts

Read about your provincial association

2020 was a unique and challenging year, but FOCA and our waterfront communities emerged stronger and more committed than ever before. Find out how we did this, and learn more about our strategic priorities and how we serve you, including feedback from your fellow members about FOCA's important role:

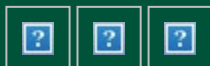


[2020 FOCA Year in Review](#)

Please share this digital resource with everyone in your waterfront community!

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Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find correspondence endorsing the Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence resolution.

Thank you.

Colleen Hutt, Acting Town Clerk

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake remains under a state of emergency. For more information about what this means, as well as additional updates and resources, please visit notl.com/covid-19.

Given the high volume of communications coming in, your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated during this time.

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June 24, 2021

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Town of Fort Erie
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Fort Erie ON, L2A 2S6

Attention: Carol Scholfield, Dip.M.A., Manager
Legislative Services/Clerk

Dear Ms. Schofield:

RE: Capital Gain Tax on Primary Residence

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on June 21, 2021 approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie for the resolution regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence dated June 1, 2021.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Yours sincerely,

Colleen Hutt
Acting Town Clerk



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June 1, 2021
File #120203

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

Whereas smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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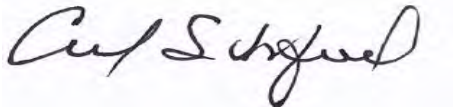
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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