
Lower Beverley Lake Association

Founded in 1932

2017 LOON CALL

LBLA, PO Box 204, Delta Ontario K0E1G0

Letter from the President

Happy 2017! I am counting the weeks to my winter trip to the lake. For me, it always feels like the beginning of the season. This year will be a transition year for the lake association. I have been President for five years and have been looking for people to move onto the board. I have found two fabulous people to take the President and Vice-President positions. Neither has been on the board before so they will have new ideas and new passions regarding the lake. I have asked both to write a little blurb about themselves – both are included in the newsletter. Tom Heinze is new to the lake but not new to the area. He is a fisherman through and through and would like to pursue some areas regarding the fish found in Lower Beverley. Joe Kelly has been on the lake, on Whiskey Island, his whole life. I am happy to be moving to the Past-President position. I love this lake and can never see myself not being involved in what's happening but that being said, it will be nice not to be 'in charge' of everything. It is important that people feel comfortable joining in and not feel like it will be a life-long commitment.

I hope our membership continues to grow. Please encourage your neighbors to join. We have increased the number of members who receive their newsletter electronically. The fear of the older leadership is that if people do not receive a paper membership form and envelope, they will not join. I hope that this is not true.

I believe that many voices involved in the lake association will continue to bring life and energy to our activities. It is never our intention to be 'cliquey' but if the same people are at all the events, it appears to be a closed group. If you have never been to a lake association event, please come. We work hard to keep them interesting, informative and fun. We love volunteers but no one is forced to volunteer.

As I look back, there are a few things that I initiated and I think are going well. The electronic newsletter and paying via Paypal both were my initiatives. I have had several people recently ask me about e-transfers. Unfortunately, the way the association chequing account works, we would pay a fee for each transfer as each

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday July 12, 6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting
Delta Fairgrounds Hall

Saturday July 15, 10-11 am

Youth/Family/Anyone Event
Delta Township Park, Bradford
Pavilion,

Thursday August 10, 10 am

Lake clean up
Meet at Delta Township Park
boat ramp. (Raindate Aug. 11)

Saturday August 12, 3 pm

Annual picnic, Kendrick's Park
(details can be found at www.LBLA.net)

Rideau Lakes Township Island Garbage & Recycling Collection 2017 Changes

In 2017 Sunday Island Service will once again be available **only to property owners that do not have road access**. All rules associated with curbside collection apply. **Names and proof of address will be required and recorded** during Sunday Island Service. The Township will be assessing how many island residents use this service. Pickup will be May 21 through October 8, 4 to 6pm each Sunday. This service time is reduced from prior years and will be cut if not shown to be used by residents.

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Letter from the President, cont.

would be considered its own deposit. Our account has a limited number of deposits allowed each month. The electronic newsletter will continue to grow as it costs us nothing to email it. The paper newsletter will remain at 4 pages and even with that, the cost of mailing has increased. Please consider opting out of the paper newsletter. Everyone who we have an email address for will receive an electronic copy.

You will find several articles in this newsletter and on the [LBLA website](#) that come from FOCA ([Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations](#).) They are a wonderful resource for us and for you. As a member of a member association, all of their resources are available to you. They are working for us now, pushing Hydro not to hurt the seasonal cottagers with huge bills. They work in Ottawa to keep cottager's needs in front of those making laws/decisions.

As I look forward to summer 2017, I hope for good weather – but we do need rain this year. I wish everyone a safe, fun and happy summer!

- Lynne Jeffries (lynne.jeffries@comcast.net)

From the President-Elect, Tom Heinze

I am a "newbie". I have had a summer residence on the Rideau since 1976, but only recently (2015) made the move to Lower Beverley. I live at 922 Kendrick Lane with my wife (a Canadian) Linda Kennedy. We welcome all LBLA members and residents to drop by and visit. **I love the lake!** After my 39 years on the Rideau, I have come to enjoy the "community sense" that Lower Beverley offers. The waterfronts are well kept and create "neighborhoods" that welcome people using the lake with boats, personal watercraft, and manually propelled vessels...with everyone being helpful and engaging from shore. (I was rescued by the current president last summer when she heard me from shore rowing home because I had gone "dry" last summer and came to my rescue in the open lake.) The water quality and level is wonderful for fishing...my major passion. I am happy with the regular monitoring of the various spots on the lake at different seasons of the year. I want to be a good steward of that resource and do my homework to insure that water levels and quality remain excellent for my grandchildren and their grandchildren, down the road.

One project that I would like to pursue with the LBLA and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is the study and possible introduction of walleye (pickrel in Ontario) that would utilize the deeper waters of the lake. Right now there are isolated reports of walleye catches but certainly not a well-established fishery. The small mouth bass are the species feeding and "holding" in the 40-foot (or more) range and that is more of a seasonal transition. I would like the OFAH experts to do a study that could determine the feasibility of introducing a "deeper" fish such as walleye to the large amount of

Ice out contest

Guess when the ice will melt on our lake! Look for the contest on our LBLA Facebook page & choose a date between March 20 & April 18 when you think ice out will occur in 2017. The closest person to guess the date wins a prize!

Volunteers - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered

Board of Directors:

President-Lynne Jeffries
Vice-President- Tom Heinze
Membership Treasurer- Betty Penstone
Accounts Payable Treasurer –
Marsha Gutierrez
Secretary – Barb Kirkham
Past-President – Dave Champagne
Director at Large – (vacant)

Events/activities:

Annual Picnic – Dave & Marsha Johnson
Annual Meeting – Board members
Lake clean-up – Sandy Ellis
Website & Facebook – Lynne Jeffries
Newsletter – Anne Goodsell Love

Shoal Markers:

Stewart Nicol (coordinator), Chris Beahen, Steve Brouse, Al Brown, Sheehan Carter, Millard Goodsell, Lynne Jeffries, Dave Johnson, Terry Kean, Michael Kilpatrick, Dann Michols,

Road Champions

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water that would be available to them. At this point, I would like to start the discussions with the fisheries managers at OFAH and see if they would be willing to do such a study and offer us pros and cons on the matter. After their report, I would appeal to the LBLA board and Ministry of Fisheries to see if there is any interest (or willingness) to undertake such a program. I am hoping that an OFAH representative could be a guest speaker at one of our annual meetings.

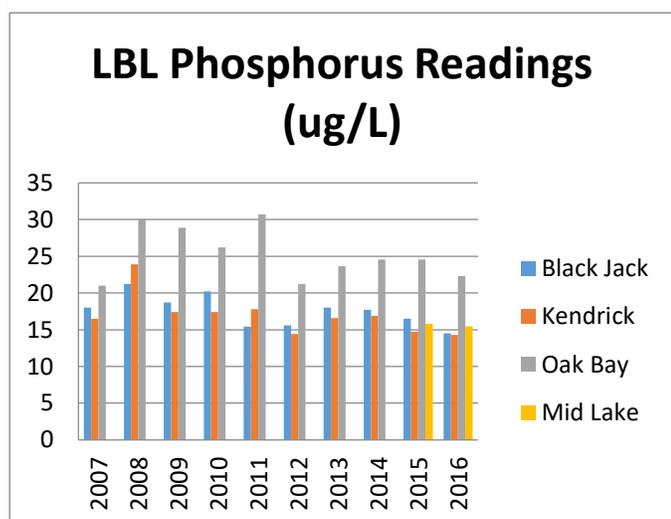
From the Vice President-Elect, Joe Kelly

For the past 60 years I have been a summer resident of Whiskey Island on Lower Beverley Lake. It has been a great place to spend my youth, teen, adult and now my mature years. I have enjoyed everything that the lake and vicinity has had to offer, fishing, water sports and the friendship of other cottagers and residents of Delta. I have an advantage that few enjoy; I can go from my driveway in Maitland, Ontario to the island in under one hour.

Water Testing Results for 2016

Kendrick Bay, Black Jack Island and Oak Bay are all testing in the middle of the trophic scale or mesotrophic. **Phosphorus** data results for 2016 showed improvement in these three areas. Mid lake (by English Island) showed a slight improvement. According to these readings the phosphorus levels continue to improve. **Secchi** depth levels also increased. These show the clarity of the lake. The levels haven't been this high since 2012. **Calcium** levels have remained about the same. This has to do with the hardness/softness of the water. Moderate soft is between 20 and 40 mg/L. The past 2 summers have tested between 30 and 37 mg/L.

Go to bla.net for graphs that show results for water clarity, calcium levels and levels of **dissolved oxygen**.



Stop the Invasion!

Invasive species, that is. Call the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' Invading Species Hotline at **1-800-563-7711** to report an invasive species sighting. Or download the **EDDMapS Ontario app** to report an invader on the spot.

Visit ontario.ca/invasionON to download Action Plans for anglers, boaters, and gardeners. Or visit this partner page for more resources: invadingspecies.com

Cottage Succession Information

Last summer the lake association purchased a DVD from FOCA about passing your cottage onto future generations. We had a showing of the DVD and several families saw it. Everyone thought it was very useful information but many families told me that they forgot that the event was happening or had something else scheduled. Because it was provided by FOCA, only members of the Lake Association can borrow and view it. I have a paper packet from FOCA that I will include with the DVD. Please contact me at lynne.jeffries@comcast.net to make arrangements to borrow it. Please take advantage of this information!

On the website

Go to bla.net for information about electricity costs, waterfront management tips and more.

Also on the website is the LBLA [membership form](#). Pay online via PayPal or print the form and mail it with payment. Your membership makes a difference!

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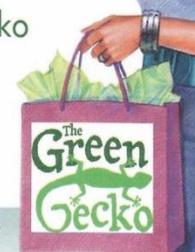
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From FOCA:

Electricity Pricing Fall 2016 – Winter 2017

UPDATE December 12, 2016 – Hydro One has filed an updated plan related to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) order to eliminate the Seasonal rate class. The full 196-page report is linked from the OEB website and is entitled: *HONI_SeasonalRateReport_UPDATE_20161202*

Some highlights include:

- The elimination of the Seasonal Class will result in over 70,000 customers moving to the R1 class and close to 84,000 customers moving to the R2 class, a large majority of whom are low-consumption customers.
- Hydro One's detailed analysis demonstrates that the move to all-fixed rates alone (already underway) addresses the key concern of some customers that low consumption customers are not paying their fair share of costs.
- The analysis also demonstrates that from a customer's perspective, very little incremental benefit is gained by the elimination of the Seasonal Class. The elimination of the Seasonal Class combined with the move to all-fixed distribution residential rates results in only a small benefit to the 70,000 seasonal customers moving to the R1 class, and very large negative impacts on the 84,000 seasonal customers that would move to the R2 class.
- Seasonal customers moving to all-fixed R1 rates will see only a small benefit from the elimination of the Seasonal Class (i.e. a reduction of \$7 to \$9 in their bill)
- Seasonal customers moving to all-fixed R2 rates will see large unfavourable impacts from the elimination of the Seasonal Class (i.e. an increase of about \$65 in their monthly bill).

In particular, low consumption seasonal customers will see a **177% increase** in their monthly bill if they move to the R2 class with an all-fixed rate.

Note: About 46% or 70,000 seasonal customers consume less than 150 kWh/month on average over the year.



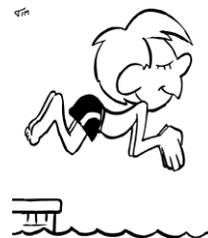
FOCA will be intervening in these OEB proceedings on behalf of our customers, and will be advising our members ASAP how they can productively contribute their ideas about their pending electricity bills.

Road Champions

Road Champions keep track of changes in cottage ownership, get new owners' mailing information so we can communicate with them, hand out LBLA welcome gift bags & encourage new owners to join the association. See the LBLA website for the list of road champions and let your road champion know about any changes in ownership.

LB2: Pat Greenhorn (252D)
LB5: Laura & Rich White (520)
LB6: Don & Bev Wallis (605)
LB7A: Sheila Riskie (92)
LB9: Mary VanVoorhis (1140)
LB10 & LB11: Barb Kirby (LB1148)
LB12: Lynne Jeffries (1267)
LB13: Keith Hubbard (1318)
Cedar Sands: Don Palmer (310) & Dave Johnson (280)
Coon's Road & LB1: Dann Nichols (305B)
Lake Shore Drive: Al Brown (2)
Kendrick Lane: Sandy & Frank Ellis(940)
Pilgrim, LaForty & Black Jack Lanes : Leslie Climie (162 Pilgrim)
Railroad St. Betty Penstone (29) & Barb Kirkham (22)
White Birch Lane: Deb D'Angeli(957)
William Street: Fred & Sharon Olivo (42 Railroad)

Some roads still need a champion. Volunteer for your road! We are still looking for Champions for Black Jack Island, Short Point Road, Bobiak Road, and Lower Beverley Lake Park Road.



Managing Your Waterfront Property in a Changing Climate

Top 5 Actions Shoreline Owners can take

1. *Keep your shoreline natural and enhance it if possible*

A naturalized shoreline is generally considered the best multi-purpose approach to protecting the lake's edge. Protect the natural shoreline by replanting areas that lack vegetation and maintain those areas that already exist.

2. *Keep aquatic plant populations intact*

Aquatic plants support the insects that fish eat, and are a primary food and habitat source for birds. In addition, aquatic plants help stabilize loose sediment and are an effective natural breakwater keeping waves from eroding the shoreline.

3. *Maintain and improve your waterfront property's health and biodiversity*

Enhance biodiversity on your property by leaving rock piles, fallen tree limbs and brush piles untouched so they can function as wildlife habitat. Re-vegetate bare grounds near streams, rivers and lakes and encourage native species of flowers, shrubs and trees to limit your maintenance work and provide shelter to native species.

4. *Manage pests and disease*

Understand which insects, diseases and invasive species might be expected at your waterfront property and be on the lookout for them with regular monitoring to enable early intervention and easier management.

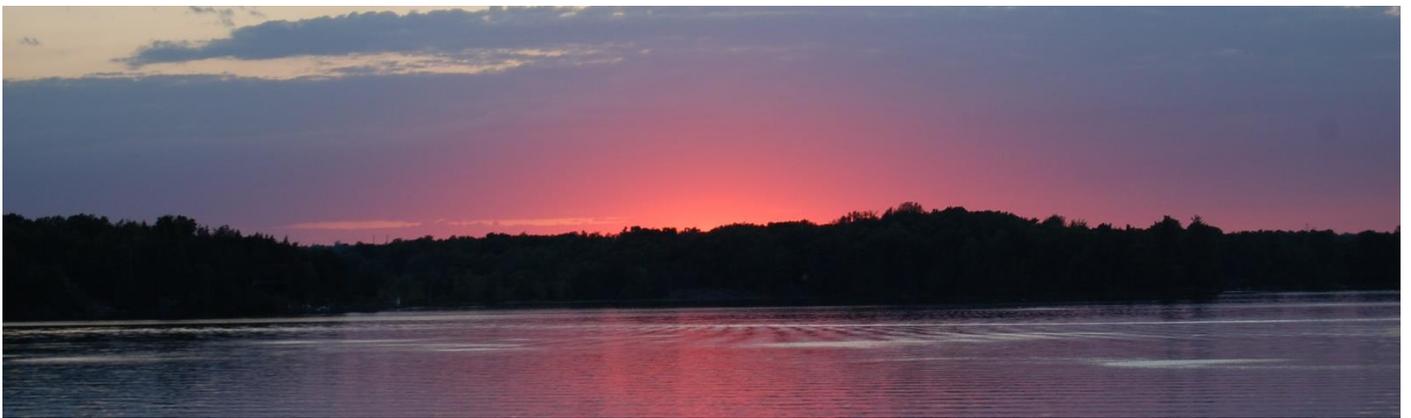
5. *Stay informed*

It is important to stay informed and attuned to developments in science and research and incentive programs that may affect you and your waterfront property. Sign up to receive FOCA's free monthly Elert (electronic newsletter) today at <https://foca.on.ca/>

For complete booklet: <https://foca.on.ca/managing-your-waterfront-property-in-a-changing-climate/>

Shoreline Owner's Guide to Healthy Waterfronts: This guide gives a quick and easy overview of ways to make the most of your shoreline property, while living in balance with your lake's fragile ecosystem. <https://foca.on.ca/shoreline-owners-guide-to-healthy-waterfronts/>

Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources www.climateontario.ca



Don't Teach Your Trash to Swim



paper bags:
one month

apple cores:
two months

cigarette butts:
forever

plastic jugs:
forever

plastic holders:
forever

tin cans:
80-100 years

aluminum cans:
200-500 years

balloons:
latex - 6 months
mylar - forever

styrofoam cups:
forever

glass bottles:
forever

plastic bags:
forever

disposable
diapers:
forever

How Long Does Trash Last in the Water?

Tips to Improve Security of Your Lake Property

When you are away from you lake property:

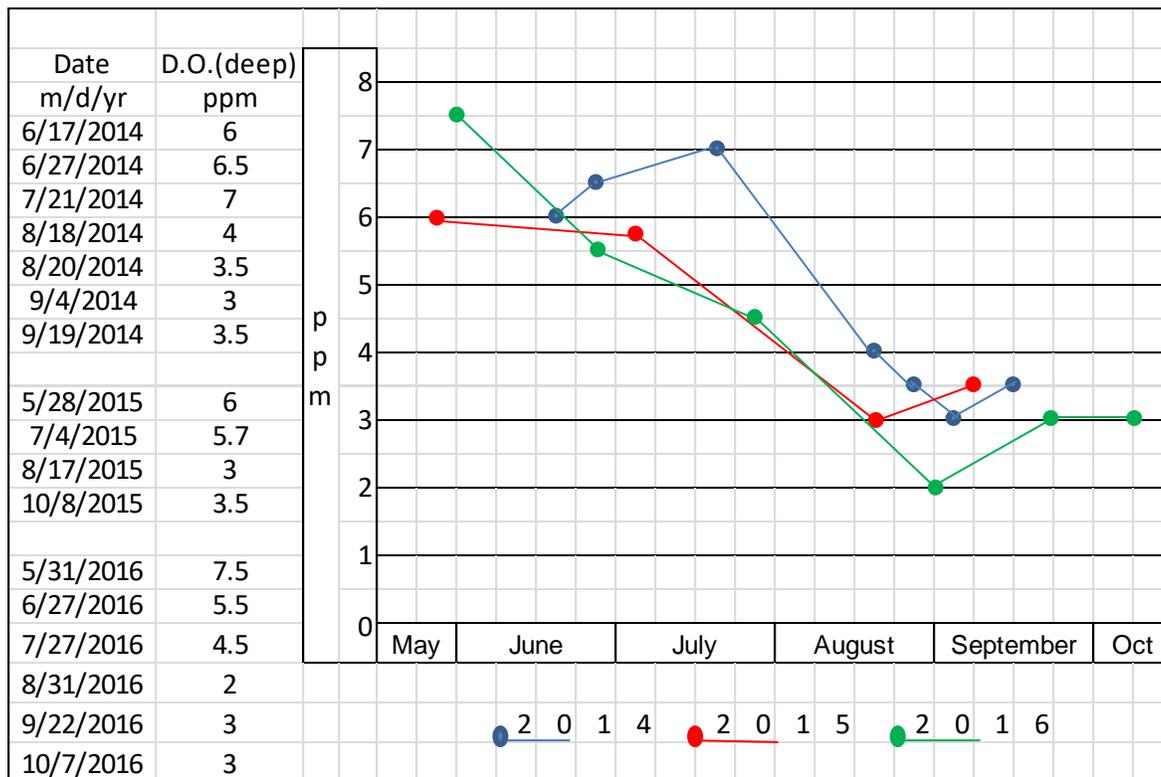
- * avoid leaving valuable sporting equipment outside in plain sight;
- * always lock your cottage or residence door when you leave your lake property; and
- * do not leave small boats, canoes and personal watercraft near the shore. Instead, bring them higher up on the property and beyond the line-of-sight of passing boats or snowmobiles. Remember that lake properties are vulnerable to access from both the land and water/ice.

When you plan to be away for a long period of time:

- * always remove all firearms and alcohol;
- * take all prized valuables and expensive equipment home with you when you leave for the winter or consider storing them in a protected facility in Perth or Westport;
- * Leave a sign attached to your cottage, residence, bunkie or shed that you have removed all valuables and have taken them home with you;
- * Do not restrict visibility to the insides of your cottage or residence with curtains; better to display that nothing of value is within;
- * hire someone to do cottage or residence checks in your absence;
- * form neighbourhood watch groups on your private roads leading to your cottage or residence;
- * consider using Trail-Cams (video cameras). These can be good deterrent and evidence for conviction. Post signage advising of your surveillance.
- * seek help from the OPP & Ontario websites for property security and safeguarding your cottage or residence - see links below:

* OPP Safeguard Ontario Property Program - <http://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=115&lng=en&entryid=570bf1a58f94ac983906709c>

* Ontario Home Security Home Audit Guide - http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/police_serv/HomeSecurityAuditGuide/home_security.html



Water Testing – summer 2016. (Dissolved Oxygen)

For another season, Dissolved Oxygen levels were monitored in one of the deeper parts of the lake. Most samples were collected between Lighthouse Point and English Island, in depths ranging from 60 to 80 feet. Dissolved Oxygen is important to various cold water species, including popular game fish. When organic sediments (such as decomposing weeds) from the surface sink to the bottom layers of deep water, the decomposition gradually depletes the oxygen available in these deeper areas. During much of the mid and later part of summer, the bottom layers of water do not mix with the surface water, so when deeper oxygen is depleted by decomposing sediments, it's not replaced until the fall when lowering temperatures allow a mixing of deep and surface waters.

During the late spring and early summer of 2016, dissolved oxygen started in the 6 to 7 ppm (parts per million) range, considered good for most species, but dropped to the 2 to 3 ppm range in late summer. This lower range is considered marginal for survival of some aquatic organisms, including some desirable fish species.

The 2016 seasonal pattern has been generally consistent for the past few years. The late summer levels of D.O. indicate at least a moderate overabundance of organic sediments from such things as “weed” growth. This in turn usually relates to the nutrient levels (like phosphorus and nitrogen from development and agricultural sources) in the lake waters. Phosphorus sampling has been ongoing in Beverley Lake water for several years, in cooperation with the “Lake Partners” program, with results generally placing the lake in a middle level of concern for phosphorus levels. (For more information on phosphorus levels, see the Lake Partners program on the Ministry of Environment website.)

from Dave Champagne



Why support FOCA



Who supports FOCA?

FOCA represents 50,000 member families in more than 500 lake and road associations across Ontario. Member support drives this organization!

Our supporters are people like you who:

- care about clean and safe lakes
- are concerned about affordability
- treasure family time in cottage country!

Your lake. Your lifestyle. Your legacy.

What does FOCA do?

FOCA sits at the table where individuals cannot.

For over 50 years, FOCA has been the voice of Ontario's waterways and lake associations. FOCA works with Government and other partners on important policy and best practices, to make our waterfront communities environmentally and financially sustainable.

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See details & access codes, below
- ☑ cottage country resources on property issues, lake planning practices, environmental hot topics, and much more. Visit: <http://foca.on.ca> and click on "I have a question" to start a search

☑ invitations to FOCA events, webinars & special programs (including the Cottage Succession Series and Member Seminars)

☑ access Members-only online materials on cottage-country road issues, FOCA event slide presentations, a sample "Lake Visitor Information Sheet" about cottage etiquette...and more.

Plus, you will become part of the solution for waterfront Ontario!

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Track the issues



Inform members



Rally the troops



Sit at decision tables

Program Highlights

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Download your cottage action plan to prevent the spread of invasive species!

Risk Management Program

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Cottage Succession Seminars

For over 5 years, FOCA has been on the road with estate lawyer Peter Lilloco, helping families plan how to keep the family cottage!

How you can support FOCA:

- [join/renew as an Association member](#)
- [become an Individual Supporter](#)

FOCA encourages everyone to be a member of their local lake association; in turn, we encourage those groups to be active members of FOCA!

We also appreciate the additional personal support of individuals and families who make annual contributions to FOCA in one of the following categories:

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Waterfront Champion



FOCA is the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations. Our mission is to protect thriving & sustainable waterfronts across Ontario, and **your support matters!**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD BAT WATCH
(www.batwatch.ca)



And put Ontario's bats on the map!



We are looking for bat colonies!

In the summer, colonies of mothers and their pups live together in trees, stumps, cabins, houses and garages. Upload the location of colonies to www.batwatch.ca.

Bats are endangered

Populations of hibernating bats are crashing due to White Nose Syndrome, which kills about 90% of bats in infected caves. Without more information on where to find bats, little can be done to save them.



Neighbourhood Bat Watch

This new initiative links citizen scientists (like you!) with researchers to create a network for monitoring and developing strategies to protect these important animals.

Visit batwatch.ca or email batwatch@outlook.com for more information on bats, this project, and how you can become a citizen scientist!



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