

BLPOA Newsletter – December 2022 (aka - Communique # 8-2022)



Executive Summary of December Newsletter

- 1) FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations) membership renewed. To get Cottage Life magazine for \$24.95 a year, insurance discounts, and numerous other benefits; [FOCA | Your lake. Your lifestyle. Your legacy.](#)
- 2) Report on Water Quality Testing – We had a positive summer with normal results. Nutrient levels (Phosphorus and Nitrogen) below provincial guidelines.
- 3) Our Municipal election results and Ward 2 - South Elmsley contact info.
- 4) Outcomes of Rideau Lakes Tourist Campground Land Use Study – an interim bylaw was in place to restrict establishing or expanding campgrounds. This expired August 2022. Minimum site size, noise bylaw, and sanitation requirements established. Deferred items include site alterations, tree bylaw and shoreline protection. Full details of study at link: https://www.rideaulakes.ca/images/Documents/campground/Land_Use_Study_Report_Foten_n_Jul-15-2022.pdf
- 5) Bill 23 is a sweeping Omnibus bill that is the government’s attempt to cut through red tape and speed the construction of 1.5 million new homes in Ontario. The result is a removal of environmental protections, neutering of conservation authorities and removing the ability of individuals to raise concerns. This incited a tremendous amount of opposition from across the province, however it was rammed through Queens Park and has received Royal Assent.
- 6) BLPOA Website – we would like to include recommended contractors and service providers on our website. Please send us contact info if you have a provider you would recommend.
- 7) We need pet pictures for future editions. Send us your best pet picture.

In Memoriam - Lorayne Bradshaw

We were all saddened to hear of the passing on 09 November of Lorayne Bradshaw. She was an extremely bright and dedicated person who was a highly instrumental driving force in the 2018 project to establish the first ever Bass Lake Association. Over the entirety of the past 4 years, she served as a Board Director, Membership Coordinator and volunteer on our Water Quality Committee. We will definitely miss her enthusiasm, hard work and talents in striving to ensure our lake protection and health. Our sympathies are extended to Lorayne’s husband - Sidney Berry, also a long serving Tech Advisor and volunteer with the BLPOA.

Login & offers are subject to change, but are current at March 2022

Members: **Login online** at <https://foca.on.ca/benefits/> to see all current offer ACCESS CODES

Key Services provided for your ASSOCIATION:

- tips for [starting and building a successful lake or road Association](#)
- [FOCA Insurance program](#) with **Cade Associates Insurance Brokers** provides a member discount on liability coverage for Association activities, Directors & Officers, etc. *This now includes access to a Legal Helpline!*
- information on rural property issues ([septics](#), [taxation](#), [land use planning](#), [mining](#), [energy and utilities](#), ...)
- follow all FOCA's advocacy files and policy updates [here](#). Stay in-the-know with monthly [EAlerts](#) (e-news). Use FOCA [fact sheets and videos](#) in your own association publications & posts!
- FOCA's step-by-step [Lake Planning Handbook](#) for community groups
- [Association Webpage Offer](#): FOCA can create a free basic web presence for your Association
- "[Who Does What](#)" - tools & tips for working with the levels of government
- environmental programs: [Lake Partner Program](#) water quality data; prevent the spread of [invasive species](#)

Benefits & Offers available to all your Member families:

- give them the FOCA web Username & Password to access members-only resources on the FOCA website. (See the current web login details below, or email the office for assistance.)
- receive free [EAlert](#) (e-news) updates
- **attend FOCA [events & webinars](#) at reduced member rates**
- learn how to start your family's [cottage succession plan](#)

Even more special offers from FOCA's corporate partners:

Use the **codes** or identify yourself as a member of FOCA when you order:

- > exclusive access to [CottageFirst](#), the first cottage group insurance program
- > [Cottage Life Magazine](#) only \$24.95 annual rate: www.cottagelife.com/foca
- > [Action First Aid](#): ask for the special FOCA price on defibrillators (AEDs)
- > [Canadian Canoe Museum](#) 30% off any Membership (code=**FOCAsaves2021**)



Member Web Login **Username= focamember**
Password: Foc@M3mb3\$2014

Need help with member benefits?

Contact the FOCA office:

info@foca.on.ca 705-749-3622

Water Quality Committee Report – 2022

Depicted below are the water quality sampling results obtained by RVCA and the BLPOA supplementary program. Overall readings show we had a positive summer with normal results as compared to historical data. Nutrient levels (Phosphorous and Nitrogen) were below provincial guidelines, no E.coli and no major blue/green algae blooms. Based on reporting from around the lake it appears weed levels were down this year. Overall a much better year as compared to the results of 2020 and 2021.

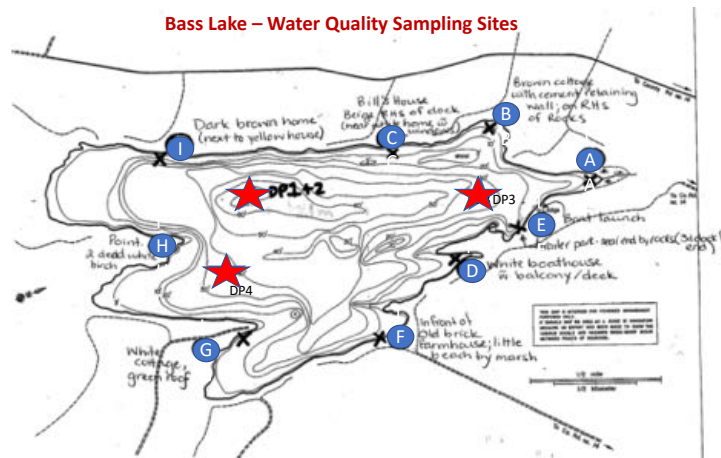
The BLPOA’s total costs to conduct this initial supplementary \$1030 (\$425 for sampling equipment and \$605 for Caduceon lab analysis). Special thanks to our volunteers: Miles Barham/B12 and Peter McGann/B3.

Water Quality Guidelines & Recommendations		
Type	Guideline Source	Guideline
Total Phosphorus (TP)	Provincial Water Quality Objective (PWQO)	<0.020 mg/L
Total Nitrogen (TKN)	Secondary Indicator – MOE Guideline	<0.500 mg/L
E.coli	Provincial Water Quality Objective (PWQO)	<100 CFU/100ml

RVCA - Deep Point Samples					
Date Sampled	Site	Ecoli (CFU/100ml)	TP (mg/L)	TKN(mg/L)	Secchi (m)
5/6/22	DP1		0.003	0.32	5
6/8/22	DP1		0.004	0.36	5
8/4/22	DP1		0.014	0.40	5.5
10/7/22	DP1		0.004	0.38	4.5

RVCA - Shoreline Samples					
Date Sampled	Site	Ecoli (CFU/100ml)	TP (mg/L)	TKN(mg/L)	Secchi (m)
6/8/22	A	0	0.008	0.41	
8/4/22	A	2	0.009	0.40	
6/8/22	B	2	0.007	0.45	
8/4/22	B	2	0.009	0.40	
6/8/22	E	4	0.005	0.37	
8/4/22	E	1	0.012	0.50	
6/8/22	F	2	0.004	0.41	
8/4/22	F	0	0.010	0.40	

BLPOA - Deep Point Samples					
Date Sampled	Site	Ecoli (CFU/100ml)	TP (mg/L)	TKN(mg/L)	Secchi (m)
23/10/22	DP1		0.016	0.38	5.5
23/10/22	DP3		0.015	0.40	5
23/10/22	DP4		0.016	0.42	5
18/07/22	DP1		0.004	0.30	5.5
18/07/22	DP3		0.034	0.50	5
18/07/22	DP4		0.010	0.30	5
13/06/22	DP1		0.017	0.50	5.5
13/06/22	DP3		0.014	0.40	5
13/06/22	DP4		0.006	0.40	5



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Our Rideau lakes Township – Council Members 2022-2026

The Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes consists of a Mayor and eight council members, two each from the wards of Bastard & South Burgess, South Elmsley, South Crosby, and North Crosby-Newboro. Municipal Councils serve a 4-year term as per the Municipal Elections Act.

Mayor – Rideau Lakes Township



Mayor Arie Hoogenboom
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Township:

- Council,
- Municipal Services Committees
- Committee of Adjustment / Planning Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board
- Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee

Ward 2 – South Elmsley Councilors



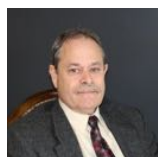
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Township:

- Council,
- Municipal Services Committees
- Economic Development Committee
- Rideau Lakes Public Library Board
- South Elmsley & Area Community Enhancement Committee

Other:

- Municipal Drug Strategy Committee
- Smiths Falls Chamber of Commerce



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Township:

- Council,
- Municipal Services Committees
- Committee of Adjustment / Planning Advisory Committee
- Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee

Other Boards:

- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Outcomes of Rideau Lakes Tourist Campground Land Use Study – Final Report.

This major land use study and report were completed in early Fall 2022. The recommendations and amendments presented in this report can be separated into Planning Act recommendations and Municipal Act recommendations. The Planning Act recommendations include amendments to the official plan, the zoning by-law, and the site plan control by-law. Full details of these amendments are linked below:

[By-Law 2022-63 Amend Official Plan By Law 2003 139 Adopt Amendment Number 7 to Implement Findings of the Land Use Study](#)

[By-Law 2022-62 Amendments to Zoning By Law 2005 6 Arising from the Tourist Campground Land Use Study](#)

[By-Law 2022-64 Amend Site Plan Control By Law 2022 49 Implement Findings of the Land Use Study](#)

Bill 23: Less Protection, More Cost, Diminished Local Decision-Making

The Province's Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster,

Several recent emails to our BLPOA membership highlighted the provincial government's intention to fast track this Bill for approval as well as the intense opposition to it from Municipalities, Environmental/Conservation authorities and the general public. The Bill has now received Royal Assent.



A majority of the proposed changes in the Bill are now in force and effect, with others to come into effect at time of proclamation or another specified date. Below is an overview of the most pertinent implications to the Township of Rideau Lakes, specifically as they relate to the mandate of our Rideau Lakes Lake Associations Committee (RLLAC):

- 1. Site Plan Control for Waterfront Residential Properties is no longer possible.** Any applications currently in the queue are cancelled as the Township's authority to require site plan control has been removed. Commercial projects are still applicable for Site Plan Control.
 - a. The Shoreline Buffer Planting Plan will no longer be required for complying Waterfront Development as site plan control was the basis to conceive and implement this plan;
 - b. The Site Plan Control Follow up and Support Program will cease in 4 years. As this program is on a 4-year cycle, all agreements in place prior to November 28th 2022 remain valid and thus the program should be able to continue with review of agreements up to this date.
- 2. Third Party appeals are eliminated for Minor Variances and Consents** (this was a revision to the Bill as Zoning By-Law and Official Plan Amendments will remain appealable by third parties). This means that anyone other than the applicant cannot appeal a minor variance or consent decision.
- 3. Public Meetings for Subdivision Applications no longer required.** Written comments remain accepted.
- 4. As of January 1, 2023 Conservation Authorities are no longer permitted to comment on anything other than natural hazards (such as flooding and slopes).** This means that they will no longer provide comment on Planning Act applications in regards to natural heritage (such as wetlands) or pollution (such as water setbacks) as of this date. Staff will be reaching out to our conservation authorities in the upcoming days to understand the full ramifications in the change to services received from the CAs.

Our Township will be actively addressing this removal of Site Plan Control on waterfront residential properties and seeking support from lake associations. The Municipal Act will be reviewed to assess whether Site Alteration and Shoreline Preservation By-Laws can be strengthened to address some of the impacts imposed by Bill 23.

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Pet Pictures:



Forward to: Alan MacDonald/B4 – Email: alanmacdonald2789@gmail.com
Bill St Jean/B3 – Email: westjean46@gmail.com



New Year 2023 Wishes

Your Board of Directors wish all of our members a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come. For our Association of Property Owners, let the old year end and the New Year begin with great aspirations and positive pursuits. Happy New Year!