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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone has enjoyed our lovely fall colours. It is always a treat to see the panorama of our forest reflected in the still waters of Fox Lake.

We were blessed with great weather for our summer activities this year. Thanks to Dave Blanchard and Sharon Lillico for hosting our Annual General Meeting on July 8. We had a good turnout and those who attended enjoyed socializing over refreshments following the meeting. The meeting minutes are posted on the FLA website. David and Sharon have offered to host the AGM again next year on Saturday, July 13.

I extend a big thank you to Sue Finbow and her family for coordinating the Annual Fox Lake Regatta on August 5. Thanks also to Emily Yule, Jim and Leanne Crawford and Anna and John Morrison for making their beaches available for activities and boat parking. It was wonderful to see so many people in their Christmas finery in August! Thanks to Dave and Sharon for hosting the horseshoe tournament, to Anna Morrison and Catherine Robinson for recording winners and handing out ribbons and to all those who helped with judging. The list of event winners is posted on the [FLA website](#). Next year's regatta will be held on Saturday, August 3rd and we will provide details in our Spring Newsletter.

We are very appreciative of the generosity of Camp Romuva in allowing us to hold our annual corn roast/fall fair on their grounds on Saturday September 2. Thanks to Cam MacIver for coordinating the event and to Jim Watson for acting as auctioneer. A special thanks to all who donated and purchased auction items. \$555 was raised to support future FLA activities. The corn hole game, egg toss, sack race and three-legged race were enjoyed by many and will be back again next year. Check out some photos [here](#)

We welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors this summer. Cam McIvor and Tayfun Uzun, both of West Fox Lake, were elected at the AGM. Christa Casselman-Sharp resigned from the board but has maintained a position on our Executive as environment officer. I extend our appreciation to Christa for her contribution as a board member and look forward to her continuing contribution as executive officer.

The Board and Executive continue to monitor issues impacting the lake community. We have

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had an update from the Bell consultant informing us that a date for the construction of the Telecommunications tower at Hoodstown Shores has still not been set. Please contact me, or any member of the FLA Board and Executive, if you have concerns or suggestions about lake issues or would like to volunteer for FLA activities.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy winter!

Sincerely,

Alix Yule

FLA President

MEMBERSHIP

Hello all

The leaves are down and we had a touch of snow, but I am still at Fox Lake; Pat's and my trip south is slightly delayed this year until near the end of November.

I hope you have taken time to look at some of the FOCA information that has been sent out this year. FOCA delivers a great deal for us.

The FLA has been active in local issues discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. The effectiveness of FLA involvement in various issues is related to our membership; having a large number and large percentage of properties involved in FLA gives more weight and credibility to the FLA. If you agree with and support the FLA's position, you should be a member.

We currently have 66 properties as members, and we would love to have more.

Memberships run from May 1st to April 30th. If you would like to join now, the treasurer can credit you from now until April 30th 2025. The best way to pay dues is via **e-transfer to foxlaketreasurer@gmail.com** but you can pay by cheque to the **FLA at 422 East Fox Lake Road, Huntsville ON, P1H 2J2**. Please use the email above which is not the association general email address.

Please let me know if any of your email addresses change so that we can continue to get information to everyone. If you are aware of new owners around the lake, please encourage them to become members and to provide contact information.

If you have not yet checked out our [Facebook page](#), please do so. It is also a valuable communications tool.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable winter and look forward to seeing everyone next summer.

Robin Yule

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Membership Officer.

PLANNING AHEAD-SUMMER 2024 EVENTS

Please put the following dates in your summer calendar.

- FLA Annual General Meeting - Saturday July 13th 10:00am
- Fox Lake Regatta – Saturday August 3rd
- Corn Roast and Fall Fair – Saturday August 31st

LAKE STEWARD REPORT

Though not yet published on the FOCA website, we've finally managed to obtain the water sampling results for 2022. The hold-up is a mystery.

The Phosphorus concentration for 2022 was 10.8 micrograms/L with our running average of 11.6. Calcium concentration was 1.6 milligrams/L with a running average also 1.6. The 2022 Chloride figure is 0.82 milligrams/L, continuing the slow upward trend since 2015. Though still a low figure, it will likely continue to trend upward as long a salt is being used on the roads.

Water clarity (Secchi) depth for 2023 was 1.8 metres. The running average is steady at 2.0 metres. Secchi depth is subjective, depending on weather conditions - sun or cloud, calm or windy, etc.

We carried out Benthic Monitoring on August 18th. Repeating last year, we caught 'critters' from two buckets, one from Site 2 and one from Site 1. The results are posted on the [FLA website](#). Please be sure to read the thank you letter in which the Muskoka Biotech gives insights into our results. Many thanks to Katie, Alix with Kai and Sadee, Emily, Markus, Karen Shepley with Carter and Kai, Chris and Paul, Lynda and Jim, and of course our host, Ellen.

For the second year, the FLA is not aware of any sightings of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). This good news is likely a result of the particular weather conditions this fall. Let's hope that this trend continues.

We certainly had a wonderful extended fall season.

David White
Lake Steward

FOX LAKE HISTORY PROJECT

The FLA recommends that you follow the Fox Lake History Project blog that writes about the history of Fox Lake over time and up to the present day. The project team hopes that Fox Lake residents and interested others will help to collect stories and visual images that reflect the development of the whole Fox Lake community.

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The project is being very capably led by Christine Castle, a lifelong Fox Laker. She is assisted by Ellen Fox, Gabrielle Andersen, Teresa Tremblay, and Robin Yule, but more participation is encouraged and very welcome.

The history is taking shape as entries are posted on the blog. If you have a topic that you would like to write about, please let Chris know at christine.castle@gmail.com. Comments, corrections and additions are welcome as the entire blog is considered a living document that can be changed and improved as time goes by.

Check out the current version at <https://foxlakehistoryproject.wordpress.com/>

NAME-THE-ISLAND: LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE COMPETITION!

The FLA has learned that we can apply to have names officially assigned to the islands in Fox Lake. All three of our long-time islands are Crown Land, not privately owned, and we think it would be nice to have their names officially recognized. *I mention three "long-time" islands because observant boaters will have noticed that a fourth island is being created at the mouth of the Buck River where high river water has cut a new channel into the lake, creating a small island east of the river mouth.*

Our three islands in the name-the-island competition include:

- South - The largest of the three islands at the south end of the lake just outside of the bay where Camp Winnebago and the mouth of the Fox Tail are located. This island has been known over the years as Snake Island, Camp Island and other names.
- Middle – A bit to the east of the mid-point in the southern half of the lake lies the middle-sized island. This island has been known by such names as Rock Island and Robinson Island, among others.
- North – In the north end of the lake is the smallest of our three islands. It has been known as Loon Island and Little Island and likely other names.

We asked members to suggest names at each of our Summer Events and have received a number of suggestions but would like to receive more before we hold a vote to decide the names in Spring 2024. The people who suggest the winning names will receive some great Fox Lake merchandise!! So please get your creative thinking in gear and e-mail your suggested island names to Alix Yule at alixyule@hotmail.com

A FEW REMINDERS

A. Garbage/Recycling/Composting

Garbage/recycling/composting pickup is biweekly for garbage and weekly for recycling and composting from November to the end of April. Please ensure that garbage is in proper containers and is not left exposed overnight. Mammals and birds can make a mess of garbage and recycling that is left uncovered and unprotected.

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Garbage Limits- With the introduction of Green Bins for compost materials **garbage is limited to one 75L container or 75L bag per week.**

Recycling Requirements- Muskoka has moved from two stream recycling to **one stream recycling** meaning that all recycling can be mixed and placed in open top containers or blue bins (preferred) or clear plastic bags. Information on acceptable materials as well as collection schedules for garbage and composting can be found at <https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/garbage-and-recycling.aspx>

Large items such as barbecues, chairs, broken tables, mattresses will not be picked up and must be taken to the Stisted or Bracebridge landfill site for proper disposal by the property owner. Hazardous waste disposal is available at the Bracebridge site and on specific days at the Madill transfer station. Electronic waste can be dropped off free of charge at All Ontario Recycling (Port Sydney), Bracebridge landfill site or McIntyre Electronic Recycling, 7 East Airport Rd. Huntsville. (9-5 M-F, 9-12 Sat) Bins are available for 24/7 drop-off.

- B. **Dark Sky** – Many of the residents of the Fox lake Community enjoy dark skies and find that excessive outdoor lighting and continuous solar lighting impinges on the enjoyment of the night skies in summer and winter. It would be appreciated if property owners would evaluate their need for night lighting and dock solar lighting.

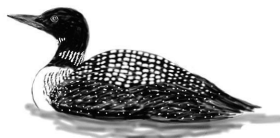
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