



# THE PALMERSTON POST

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Palmerston Lake Association Spring 2019 Newsletter

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We focus on details, so you can enjoy the big picture.

Our priorities include:  
SAFETY  
WATER QUALITY  
FAIR TAXATION  
COTTAGE SUCCESSION

Your Association is a member of FOCA - so are you! As a member, you get access to:

- Timely environmental and legislative updates
- Special rates for Cottage Life magazine
- Exclusive group insurance offer: **CottageFirst** by Cade Associates

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## WE HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD WINTER AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PALMERSTON THIS SPRING.

For us the winter seems to be never ending. We're looking forward to getting to the cottage and enjoying our beautiful lake. It's always a concern to find what mother nature has left us over the winter.

The Board of Directors have been busy setting up and completing the organization of the association. After our very successful inaugural Annual General Meeting last August, we have 38 voting members and 8 associate members.

We are now incorporated as an Ontario not-for profit corporation and are a member association of the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA). As a member of FOCA, all our individual members have access to the Cottage First group insurance program for coverage on your cottage and more, and discounts on Cottage Life magazine and a range of other products of interest to cottagers.

We have had Representation at Council Meetings, Lake Planning meetings, with MVCA (Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority), as well as ATV groups and other lake groups.

We identified and defined necessary committees within the organization. The committee chairs are Directors as follows: Lake Stewardship: John Viets, Membership: Rob and Leslie Viets, Newsletter: Joan Cotton, Government liaison: Cille Harris, Website Rene Van Diepen. With President Jim Getman and VP Andrew Waywell presiding.

We plan to participate in the FOCA lake Partner Program, which is a long-term water quality monitoring effort, sampling nearly 550 Ontario lakes each year.

**Small Mouth Bass fishing** doesn't open until June 15. It is illegal to harass wildlife. A bass on the nest is there for the protection of her eggs. And will attack anything threatening them. It is unethical, illegal and unsportsmanlike. Let's keep our small mouth bass safe.

We are working on a data base for a **directory** for cottage owners. If you know of a local person, or company in the area who is available to assist our cottagers, please forward this information to us. This would include various needs e.g. opening/closing., dock installs and removal, chimney clean. Perhaps there are students looking for summer work? We will compile a directory for our membership for distribution.

You should have received by now, a **survey** on your priorities at the lake. Please take the time to respond. This is of great importance to your Association. It will help direct us in Lake Strategy plans and the aims of the PLA

We are also appealing to all of you for active **participation** whether on committees, helping research and monitoring the lake, photos, history, stories etc. Please let us know your interests, expertise or willingness. At this stage we require Logo design, web site set up, and legal advice, to name a few. We ask that you share this newsletter with neighbours and encourage new members. This publication will be available on the website when we have one.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting, Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>, Ompah Community Centre. Registration 9:30, meeting 10:00-12.

### ON OUR CALENDAR

**MVCA Tree Planting Pick up. May 18th  
10am-1pm. Ompah Community Centre.**

**“Septic Savvy” Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup> 9-12  
Presented by: North Frontenac Lake Association  
Alliance and Township of North Frontenac  
Clar-Mill Community Hall, Plevna**

**Ompah Community Centre Association  
Annual General Meeting  
July 20th 10:00-12:00**

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**Aug.17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 Ham and Turkey dinner  
Ompah CC with the Ompah Community  
Association.  
3 Lake Associations invited.**

**“I go to nature to be soothed and  
healed, and to have my senses put  
in order.” John  
Burroghs**

Let us know about any interesting sightings. We had a calf moose on our veranda last June! Mom was nowhere to be seen. He was too young to be on his own. How about keeping track of the number of cormorants on the Lake? How about a loon count? If we have “Birders” on the lake you might be interested in setting up a bird count or sighting activities. How about kayaking events or canoeing, perhaps sailing? Hiking or photography there are endless possibilities of finding like-minded people here on the lake or in the community. If you have a special interest you would like to share let us know.

The intent of this newsletter is to communicate to you the events, and concerns of us all. Your input is welcomed.

## **FOCA Programs, Lake Partner Program**

**It's almost time for spring water sampling.**

We plan to take our samples for the Lake Partner Program (LPP). in May as requested by FOCA. Please let our Lake Steward, John Viets know if you would like to assist. John Viets [jviets@storm.ca](mailto:jviets@storm.ca); 613.326.1709.

Remember that springtime means getting back on the water after being out of the boat for many months, after your boat and motor and equipment have not been in use. Please take the time to review **safety** information and links to pre-departure checklists and cold water safety here : <https://foca.on.ca/safe-boating/> Safety is #1



**Preventing Invasive Species.** FOCA has provided us with “Clean+ Drain+ Dry” signs which we have posted at the boat launch areas on our lake. Thank you FOCA!