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We hope you enjoyed a healthy happy holiday season. With the recent travel advisory most of us are hunkering down for another non-travel winter. We finished the PLA year with the Annual General Meeting October 23. It was close to being cancelled for lack of a quorum but fortunately we reached a quorum 10 minutes into the virtual meeting, so we were able continue with necessary business approvals. One of those was a change to our constitution allowing members to vote /attend virtually. The new constitution has been updated on our website. The new board has since met virtually. The Board of Directors: President: Andrew Waywell, Directors: Jim Getman, Robbie Viets, John Viets, Rene van Diepen, John Livernois, Christina Sass-Kortsak , Joan Cotton. Leslie Viets is Secretary-Treasurer.

We welcome two new board members and look forward to working with them. John Livernois who has been working on the Website committee and Christina Sass-Kortsak who has joined the Membership Committee. John Livernois also attended the FOCA Fall seminar.

We reviewed the results of the Annual General Meeting and felt that it was generally successful with an active participation and input at the open forum. The most obvious need is an increase in membership. It is imperative we have majority representation of property owners on the lake if we are to have any leverage at the local council level. A reminder ...Cottage owners are voters! We will continue to reach out but ask that you do as well. Events such as BBQs, workshops and handouts with information on the Association being some of the ideas. We ask all members to spread the word and help in any way you can. The minutes have been posted to the website as well as the PowerPoint presentations. We encourage all members to review the PowerPoint presentation as it is a good summary of our activities and issues regarding our lake.

As the Lake Management Plan Steering Committee moves forward, we would like to welcome Liz Jackson to the committee. As a full time resident, she will bring much to the table. We remind everyone that we are all Stewards of Palmerston Lake and encourage you to volunteer any talents, knowledge, training, to the care of the lake. Communications are now in the THE MAIL BAG. Here you will find pertinent mailings from North Frontenac, FOCA and local related news.

We hope you have been a regular visitor to our web site. We are providing information and useful links. <https://palmerstonlakeassociation.com>

We will be listing email addresses of committee heads on the web site so all communication with the committees can be done directly with the committee chair. The committees are: Lake Management Plan Steering Committee, Lake Stewardship, Communications, Membership and Website. We hope for continued support with surveys, polls, and consensus. Please contact us with any concerns.

The following link is complete identification and information on Eurasian Water Milfoil. It also describes the invasive impact it has on a lake.

https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Eurasian-Water-Milfoil_Edn1.0_March2020.pdf

As a result of discussions with the North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance regarding issues with commercial short-term cottage rentals, the Township is preparing to send out a new handout to all residents pertaining to current noise by-laws and septic use, among other topics. The NFLAA strongly recommends to all members to use the **Confidential Complaint policy** so that the Township can officially track these issues and use that information to address individual problems and isolate areas of concern. Procedures for filing a confidential complaint can be found at the following link. [Report an Issue - Township of North Frontenac](#) The form can be found at <https://northfrontenac.formbuilder.ca/Report-a-Confidential-Complaint>

There's an interesting article in the last issue of FOCA's Lake Stewards Newsletter which reads in part "If much of your property is lawn leading straight to the water, you may have problems with geese which invade manicured areas and leave behind a mess everywhere. A barrier of natural habitat right at the shore's edge discourages geese from landing here or moving further onto the property."

The article was written by Terry Rees, FOCA's Executive Director and refers the reader to FOCA's webpage <https://foca.on.ca/shoreline-owners-guide-to-healthy-waterfronts> and to a video about Natural Shorelines prepared by Terry at <https://.foca.on.ca/cottage/>.

We wish you all a Happy Healthy Prosperous 2022!

See you in the spring!