

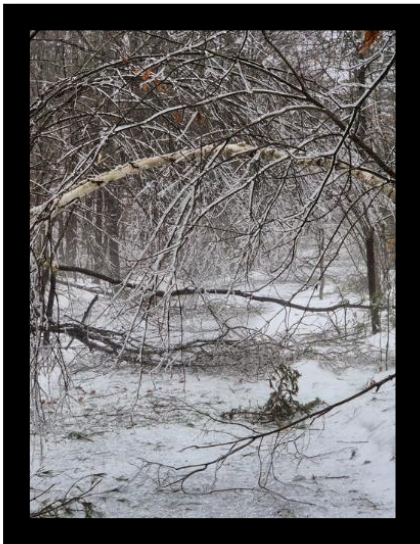
Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association Newsletter – Spring - 2025

May 11, 2025



A Message from Your LCLCA President

Spring has sprung. Gentle rains are falling. Temperatures are warming. The ice is off the lake. And the air is full of the sounds of CHAINSAWS!



Yes, it's been a rough passage out of winter and into spring this year, with winter insisting on one final wallop before it released us from its icy grasp. So, be prepared for some cutting and hauling and piling and trimming as you confront the damage wrought by our April ice storm and get ready to welcome summer. And be prepared too, for some tricky cottage roads as you find your way to where the work is. The combination of the spring melt, fallen trees, and the heavy equipment used by our heroic Hydro One crews has not been kind to our roads.



But summer is coming, and to prepare you for that happy event, we invite you to attend the 2025 Loon Call Lake Annual General Meeting. This is your chance to come out and greet your summer neighbours, catch up on the latest lakeside gossip, and hear from our fine roster of speakers, including:

- Tyler Speck, the new Superintendent of the Kawartha Highlands Signature Park, on what is happening in our park;
- Carolyn Amyotte, the Mayor of North Kawartha Township, on what is happening in our township;
- Rory Cummings, a licensed trapper, on his trapping practices in the vicinity of Loon Call Lake;
- Henry Decock, on our new fire pumps;
- Marc Possmayer, on the health of our lake;

- Jacquie Cane, on the health of our finances;
- and other members of your LCLCA executive on exciting events like our regatta, corn roast, and Canada Day paddle.

It will be a jam packed and exciting morning, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the North Kawartha Community Centre on McFadden Road in Apsley. You won't want to miss it.

LCLCA President,
Ian Godfrey

Governance

AGM 2025 – June 14th 10 am

Mark you calendar, see you there!

Do you have a new neighbour at the cottage? Please let them know about the AGM.



Cottage Association Fees

When e-transferring your annual \$40 lake fee, please add your full name and lot # in the message. to: jacquiecane@gmail.com.

Life at the Lake

Calls to Action

Two issues currently before our provincial government may be of interest to our members. The LCLCA Executive is fully in favour of cottagers engaging with the political process to protect the natural environment we love at Loon Call and everywhere else.

Issue 1: Bill 5: Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Public comment period on the closes May 17th

The Ontario government has tabled a bill entitled "[*Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*](#)" (Bill 5). This act **deregulates the current processes for protecting Ontario's unique natural heritage, public health, and indigenous rights**, replacing evidence-based rules with a discretionary regime. Under the guise of "protecting" Ontario, this government bill would repeal the Ontario Endangered Species Act, to be replaced by the significantly weaker Species Conservation Act. This bill would also enable the provincial cabinet to create "**Special Economic Zones**" in which any law restricting corporations could be waived, including environmental rules, safety standards and local bylaws.

To learn more about the provincial government's delegating the responsibility for protecting Ontarians, our natural heritage, and indigenous rights to private, for-profit interests, and where you'll find a **convenient pre-composed letter requesting cancellation of Bill 5**, please visit one of:

- <https://ecojustice.ca/take-action/tell-doug-ford-ontarios-wildlife-isnt-for-sale/>
- <https://ontarionature.org/bill-5-a-moment-to-mobilize-for-nature-in-ontario-blog/>

Issue 2: Funding of the Lake Partner Program

For decades the Ontario government has **supported cottagers monitoring water quality in the lakes they love**. In 1996 the Lake Partner Program (LPP) was established to continue this support in partnership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers, and Loon Call joined the program in 1998.

The **government of Ontario funding for the LPP expired at the end of March**, threatening this year's spring water sample analysis, and that of years to come.

If you would like to express your support for the continuation of funding for this important program, please **download the template letter requesting continuation of LPP funding** and send it to the Premier and your MPP: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program/> (MPP for Apsley is Paul Smith)

Paddle Palooza – Fly the Flag

Get your flags ready, the theme for this year's Paddle Palooza and Food Drive is **Fly the Flag**. More on this at the AGM.



Shoreline Planting



Make your shoreline the envy of Looncall with some native plant species. Funded by the LCLCA, no cost to you.

LCLCA member-at-large Danielle Cane will be collecting orders from cottagers from now until June 15th, 2025 for perennials and/or shrubs, with distribution to take place at this year's Paddle Palooza or at another arranged time as needed.

Whether you know what you are looking for, or you're wondering where to start with adding some natural beauty to your shoreline while helping to keep our lake healthy, email Danielle at canedanielle@gmail.com to start the conversation, answer questions and to take orders.

Corn Roast Raffle Donations



We would love to get early **photos** of items that will be donated for the raffle so we can generate interest and raise more funds for the community. Send photos and info about the item to info@looncalllake.ca

Future Events and AGMS

What topics would you like to hear about? We will be doing a survey in 2025 so that our 2026 AGM and other events reflect interests of the community. You can send you ideas to info@looncalllake.ca at any time, or wait for the more structured survey later in 2025.

FOCA – Access More Information

To access the full FOCA content available to members, please use the link found in the newsletter sent to your inbox to create your own **Username** (many people use their email address for this) and **Password** (known only to you), as a **"Sub Account"** of our association. (One per fee paying cottage)

Bookmark <https://foca.on.ca/account/> to login later

Send a request to info@looncalllake.ca to get the link resent to you.

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Loon Baby Sightings

Thanks to James Boyd for sending along photos of two loon babies sighted on the lake. Please travel the lake carefully, it has been a while since we have seen babies. It will be great to see them thriving through the summer.

Recommended Communications

We strongly recommend that you subscribe to a few information services that are useful and important to cottagers. It will help you to get to know the North Kawartha area, topics relevant to cottagers and to Loon Callers.

- North Kawartha: northkawartha.ca/Subscribe
- FOCA: lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/RJxeH2B/FOCAelertSignup
- Loon Call Lake: looncalllake.ca/subscribe/

Please also encourage your **adult children** to subscribe, and to attend the AGM
They are the future of the lake!

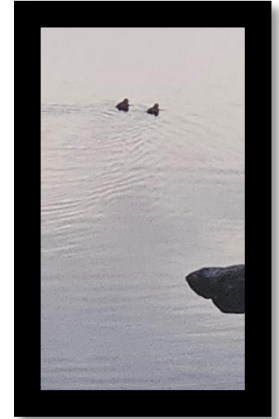


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