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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Neighbours,

I hope everyone has had a good winter and that you are enjoying the beginning of another beautiful summer at Fox Lake.

I am looking forward to our usual summer activities: the FLA Annual General Meeting and get together in July, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fox Lake Regatta on Civic Holiday weekend and our end of summer Corn Roast and Fall Fair on Labour Day weekend. Dates and details are provided later in this newsletter. Please join us for these fun and family-friendly events. Your guests are always welcome!

We have been informed by Bell Canada that they are no longer planning to construct a Telecommunications Tower near Hoodstown Shores. They did not provide a reason for this change of plans. I know that many of you were looking forward to improvements in cell phone and internet service from the proposed tower. We will continue to explore options with the Town of Huntsville and other service providers and will keep you posted.

Once again, I extend my appreciation to my fellow FLA board and executive members and the other people around the lake who have volunteered to coordinate FLA activities and undertake various tasks. A special thank you to Jim Harper who has electronically archived a huge number of old FLA documents and files.

This spring, we regretfully accepted the resignation of long-time FLA Board and executive team member, Christa Casselman-Sharp. Over the years, Christa's extensive knowledge about, and commitment to, preserving Fox Lake's natural environment, has been a great asset to us all. Thank you, Christa!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the lake over the summer!

Sincerely,  
Alix Yule, FLA President

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## MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Everyone,

First greetings to our new members - I am happy to report that most new owners on the lake have joined the FLA. Please greet and welcome your new neighbours. I hope we will see them at the AGM, the Regatta and Corn Roast over the summer.

As is always the case, the FLA is working on your behalf on various issues related to the lake. There are reports in this newsletter covering most of them. You should be getting the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA) newsletters as well; FOCA does outstanding work and the FLA continues to be a FOCA member to support these efforts.

The membership dues for May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 (\$40.) are due now. We prefer e-transfer to [foxlaketreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:foxlaketreasurer@gmail.com) but you can pay by cheque to the FLA mailed or delivered to 422 East Fox Lake Road, Huntsville ON, P1H 2J2. Please use the email above which is not the association general email address. Our records show about 115 properties eligible for membership but this includes only a few of the backlots where there are active FLA members. 68 properties ( 59%) are members. As always I encourage non-members to join to show support for the work being done.

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

I wish everyone a great summer.  
Robin Yule, Membership Officer.

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

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## PLANNING AHEAD-SUMMER 2024 EVENTS

Please put the following dates in your summer calendar.

- **FLA Annual General Meeting** - Saturday July 13th 10:00am. Hosted by Sharon Lillico & Dave Blanchard at 504 East Fox Lake Road.
  - Please join us for the meeting and stay for socializing afterwards. Light refreshments will be served.
  - Due to connectivity issues we will not be offering a zoom/virtual option this year.
  - The meeting agenda, financial report and other documents will be sent out to our members by email two weeks prior to the meeting

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- **Fox Lake Regatta** – Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hosted by Lynda and Jim Watson's at 550 East Fox Lake Road
  - The regatta events flier will be provided at the AGM, sent out by email prior to the event, and posted on the FLA website.
  - Horseshoes and beach volleyball tournaments will be held in the morning and waterfront activities in the afternoon.
- **Benthic Monitoring** - Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Organized by FLA Lake Steward, David White, and hosted by Ellen Fox at 722 East Fox Lake Road
  - Volunteers will count tiny creatures in lake water to help assess lake health.
- **Corn Roast and Fall Fair** – Saturday August 31st 4:00 pm. Camp Romuva on North Fox Lake Road.
  - A fun-filled afternoon of old-fashioned family games, auction and BBQ with all-you-can-eat corn.

## LAKE STEWARD REPORT

Winter ice cover is the only up-to-date statistic to report. The lake froze over on December 22, 2023 and the ice was gone on April 4, 2024. Ice coverage was 103 days, the shortest period in two decades. The running average over those years is 130 days.

2023 water chemistry results should be available for the AGM.

Friends of the Muskoka Watershed (<https://fotmw.org/>) held a webinar this winter Titled: *Understanding and Responding to the Threat of Road Salt in Muskoka Lakes*. The speaker was Dr. Neil Hutchinson. He classed environmental concerns into three groups:

1. Improving: acid rain, lead pollution, DDT, phosphorous.
2. Uncertain but worrisome: mercury, pharmaceuticals, biocides, micro and nano plastics.
3. Worsening: invading species, climate change, algal blooms, calcium decline and salt.

Regarding salt, it is estimated that for every permanent Muskoka resident, a tonne of salt is spread on area roads and parking lots.

You may have noticed that the Hobo lake level/temperature gauge has been off-line for several months. The unit has been replaced, this is the new link:

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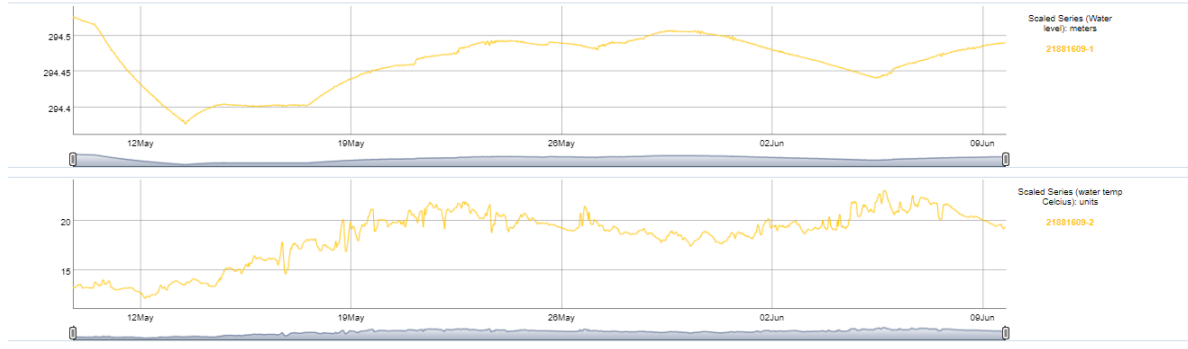
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Past Day **Past Week** Past Month



Benthic Monitoring has been scheduled for Friday August 16th. Please note the date if you will be able to volunteer. For 2024 the District Biotech has suggested that we give our usual sites a rest and select two new undisturbed ones. The best candidates are likely in the north end of the lake. Ellen Fox has again agreed to host the session. We will announce more details at the July AGM.

Let us all be kind to our Fox Lake environment.

David White  
Lake Steward

### COMING SOON...FLA merch

T Shirt order information coming soon! Keep an eye on your email.

Youth and adult sizes available as well as hoodies and hats



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***Do you know what this is? Spotted on East Fox Lake Road. Curious minds want to know!***



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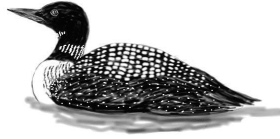
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