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## FIMLA 2011 Annual General Meeting

on  
Sunday July 31st, 2011 1:30 to 4:00 pm  
at

Verona Lion's Hall, 4504 Sand Road, Verona

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

### AGENDA

#### Welcome

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising
2. Secretary's Report - Elaine St John
3. Treasurer's Report - Elaine St John
4. Update on FIMLA Action Plan – Gord Rodgers
5. Water Quality and Water Levels – Brett Dark
6. Lake Steward's Report – Peter Peart
7. Resolutions
  - a. Change to bylaws to extend representation of the Association to include property owners on the three feeder lakes in the watershed
  - b. Change to the bylaws to create a new executive position of 'Feeder Lakes Representative'

#### Election of New Executive Member

8. Election of Feeder Lakes Representative (subject to approval of proposed bylaw changes)

Speaker: Jim Pine

### Faster....Further, High Speed Broadband in Eastern Ontario

Jim Pine, is Project Co-lead of the Eastern Ontario  
Regional Broadband Network (EORN).

### Turtle Alert

Countless turtles are run over every year and killed on Ontario's roads, including our back lanes. Seven of our eight native turtle species are threatened, and those most often killed are females travelling to nesting areas. The loss of females in particular is devastating to turtle populations.

#### Don't Turn Turtle

You can save a turtle's life by stopping and helping the turtle across the road. Just remember to move them to the side of the road in which they were headed. If you try to turn them around they'll just climb back onto the road again.

If you spot a smaller turtle please move it out of harm's way. Snapping turtles or larger specimens should be grabbed by the base of the tail and gently pulled backward or rolled onto their backs on a mat or blanket. Obviously the jaws should be avoided. It's a good idea at this time of year to keep an old pair of oven mitts in your vehicle just in case you come upon a bad-tempered snapper. ▶



▶ Unlike Ursula Andress the snapping turtle genus was around in the dinosaur age.



## Message from the President

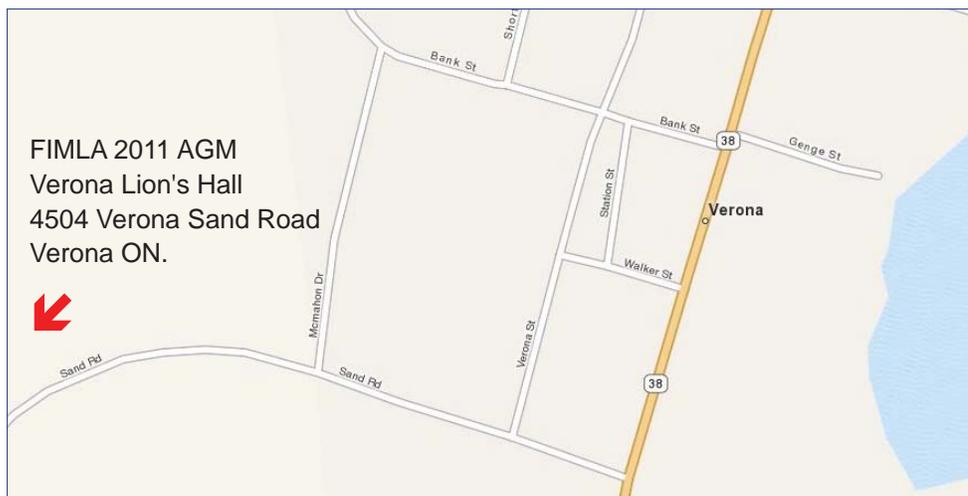
I look forward to welcoming you all once again to the FIMLA AGM at Verona Lion's Hall. Important changes to FIMLA are being proposed at the meeting and I hope you will be able to come along and give your support to these proposals.

Many Lake Associations are finding it is not enough to just have a plan for their lake without taking into account what is happening in the surrounding watershed. That is why in 2007, when we were starting out on the Lake Plan, we extended membership of the Association to shoreline property owners on Little John, Little John's Sister and Buffy lakes, and included these feeder lakes in the Lake Plan. A good partnership and mutually beneficial actions have resulted from this decision. So we are now proposing to make this temporary arrangement permanent and create a new Executive rôle of 'Feeder Lakes Representative' to ensure that the interests of property owners on our sister lakes are fully represented.

We'll also be updating you on the excellent progress we've made so far in implementing the recommendations outlined in the Lake Plan launched last year. Following this, one of our members, Jim Pine, who just happens to be the internet guru of Eastern Ontario, will be our guest speaker. Jim will tell us about how high-speed internet access is coming to Eastern Ontario, to improve the quality of life of residents and to support innovation and economic growth.

Hope to see you all at the AGM.

*Gord*



### Turtle Alert (cont'd)

Raccoons, skunks and foxes are just some of the predators that devour more than 80% of turtle eggs that are laid. Less than 1% of the turtles that do hatch manage to dodge hungry birds and fish. With so many strikes against them it is extremely rare that any of these creatures make it to their potential life span of 70 or more years.

So, please do your part and keep a lookout when driving, especially during the next few weeks.



For advice on turtles and injured turtle trauma centres go to: [www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/turtleCrossing](http://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/turtleCrossing)

### 2010 AGM Minutes

A report of the 2010 FIMLA AGM appeared in FIMLA Bulletin, Number 4, October 2010. Full minutes are posted on the FIMLA web pages at:

[www.fimla.org](http://www.fimla.org)

### Getting to Verona Lion's Hall for the FIMLA 2011 AGM

**From the South**, (Hinchinbrooke Road, Hartington, Kingston) take the 38 north to Verona and turn left at Verona Sand Road.

**From the North**, (Desert Lake Road) take the 38 south to Verona and turn right at Verona Sand Road.

## Call for Nominations

A vacancy for the newly created executive position of 'Feeder Lakes Representative' will exist if a proposal to create this position is approved at the meeting.

This is your opportunity to come forward and declare an interest in standing for this position. If you would like to stand for election as Feeder Lakes Representative, please put your name forward to:

**Elaine St. John at:** elaine3037@gmail.com **Telephone:** 374-1276.

The deadline for nominations is Saturday July 16, 2011 – two weeks prior to the AGM.

For further information please call: **Gord Rodgers on:** 374-3521.

## Membership Matters

A big thank you to all our paid up members. It is important that memberships are paid up to help fund the work of the Association to sustain and improve the quality of life on our lakes as set out in our Lake Plan.

For those of you who haven't paid your dues for 2010/11, this is a reminder that your \$25.00 is now due. Please make out a cheque to: 'Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Association' or FIMLA and send it to:

The Treasurer, Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes Association, Box 105, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0

The FIMLA membership year runs from September 1st to August 31st and membership fees are due on September 1st.

According to our constitution dues must be paid on or before the date of the general meeting in order for members to vote at that meeting.

## FIMLA 2011 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

### Change to Bylaws Article II

- a. Notice is hereby given of a resolution to amend the FIMLA bylaws to extend representation of the Association to include property owners on the three feeder lakes flowing into Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes.

#### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

##### Existing text of Article to be replaced with:

The Association is a volunteer association of property owners and concerns itself with taking an active role in maintaining and enhancing the wellbeing of our local environment and the quality of life on Fourteen Island, Mink Lake, Little John, Little John's Sister and Buffy Lakes for both seasonal and permanent residents, as well as representing the interests and welfare of its members to the township of South Frontenac and other authorities.

### Change to Bylaws Articles IV and V

- b. Notice is hereby given of a resolution to amend the FIMLA bylaws, subject to agreement to extend representation of the Association to include property owners on the three feeder lakes flowing into Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes, to establish a new executive role of 'Feeder lake Representative'.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

##### Existing text of first line of Article to be replaced with:

The Executives of the Association shall consist of the immediate Past President, a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Lake Steward, Communications Director and Feeder Lakes Representative.

#### ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

##### Add section to end of Article as follows:

##### The Feeder Lake Representative shall:

- Consult with property owners on Little John, Little John's Sister and Buffy lakes on matters of common concern
- Represent the views and interests of property owners on Little John, Little John's Sister and Buffy lakes in deliberations of the FIMLA Executive
- Liaise with all other executive officers to ensure that Association policies and initiatives are fully implemented on the three feeder lakes where applicable
- Report to the Executive of the Association on specific areas of interest and concern to the three Feeder Lakes and on projects or proposals to address these issues

**Please feel free to contact your executive:**

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**Communications Director:**

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**For Sale**

**1999 Yamaha 6 HP boat motor**

Less than 50 hours of use (as it was a backup motor). Recently serviced locally. Price \$950 (o.b.o).

Call Stuart St John at 613-374-1276 or email: [sinjun43@gmail.com](mailto:sinjun43@gmail.com)

Do you have items for sale or wanted, lost or found? Please send details to: [fimla@live.ca](mailto:fimla@live.ca)

**Lost and Found**

Submerged 18ft aluminum canoe salvaged from far north east end of Fourteen Island Lake. If you think it is yours drop by the Jefferies' point or 1020 Deer Park Drive to view.



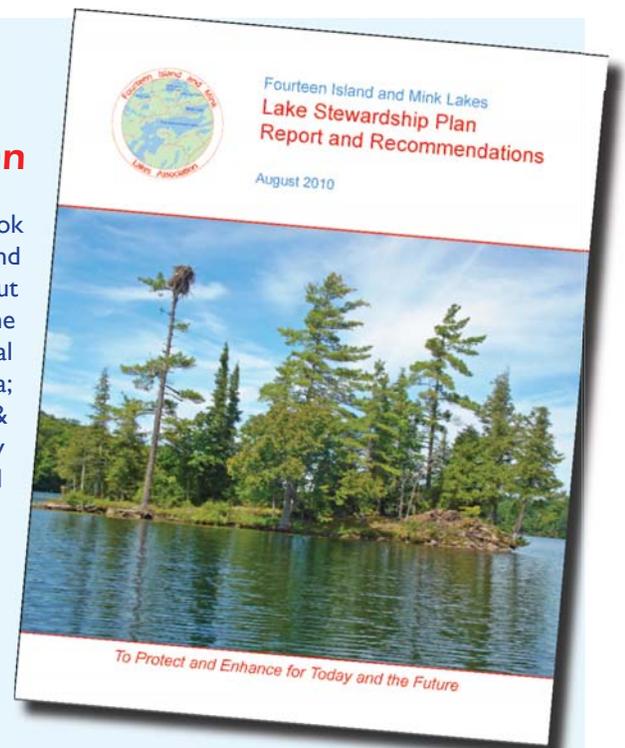
**Tel:** 613 374 2189  
Gail and David Jefferies

**Fourteen Island and Mink Lakes**

**Lake Stewardship Plan**

The plan is a 94 page, full colour book comprising photos, charts, tables and maps. It includes information about our lakes, a short history of the area and chapters on the natural environment; local flora and fauna; water quality; fisheries; boating & recreational activities; emergency and municipal services; and, land use & development. Available to FIMLA members at the subsidized price of just \$10. Order it today.

**Get your copy today using the order form below.**



**FIMLA Lake Plan Order Form**

Please photocopy, complete and return this order form with payment to: The Treasurer, FIMLA, Box 105, Hartington, Ontario, K0H 1W0

Title:	Name:		
Street:	City:		
Province/State:	Post/Zip Code:		
Telephone:	Email:		
Please reserve for me:	Qty	Price	Total
The FIMLA Lake Plan Book	_____	\$10.00	_____
Postage and handling		\$ 5.00	\$5.00
	Grand total		_____
I enclose a cheque/payment for \$ _____ CAD payable to 'FIMLA'			
Signature _____		Date _____	