

May 7 2025

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Hon. Doug Ford, Ontario Premier [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Save the Cost Effective Lake Partner Program!**

Dear Premier Ford

I am writing in full support of the **Lake Partner Program** (LPP), a valuable long-term partnership between the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). It has come to my attention through FOCA that The LPP has been in limbo since the end of March this year, and **the 2025 sampling season is now at risk**. I ask you to ensure this important program continues.

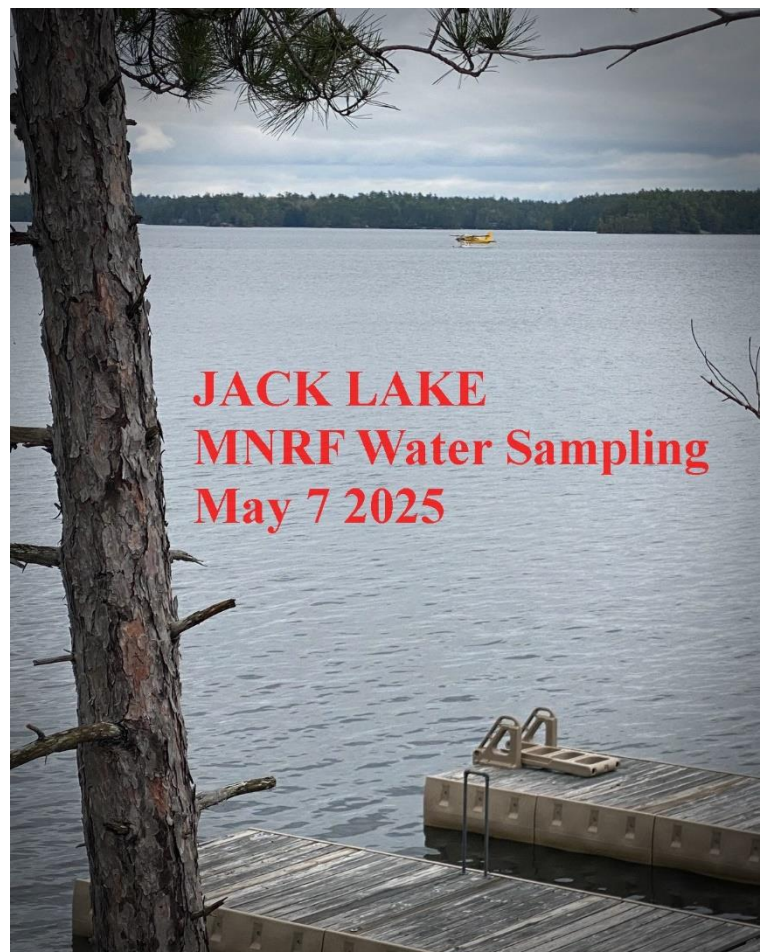
The Province of Ontario has been beneficiary of the involvement with FOCA in advancing cost-effective programs such as the long-established LLP and hundreds of Lake Association volunteers has contributed to the heavy lifting associated with this credible program.

Each year, Lake Stewards devote time and energy in support of a healthy Ontario for future generations. But this value is lost unless the contract is signed to continue the LPP, and the budget for this sampling season is confirmed without delay.

The LPP provides immense value to the public and to Ontario as a whole. For 30 years, it has been one of the largest databases on water quality for freshwater lakes, and its data is essential for research and analysis by universities, government, community groups, and scientists. The water sampling is conducted entirely by volunteers – 629 hundred FOCA Lake Steward volunteers who monitor 546 lakes at 917 sites across the province, providing committed and invaluable assistance to this world-class program.

Within the last hour today... about 11 am ( May 7 2025) the Ministry of Natural resources landed a float plane on Jack Lake reportedly to take water samples in our lake. You cannot make this up. **What does this cost compared to the sampling by lake association volunteers?** With confidence I can state that Government staff utilizing float planes cannot cost effectively compete with dedicated volunteers using their own vessels to assemble lake water samples for government agencies to utilize.

The Province of Ontario can continue to capitalize on this long established cost-effective



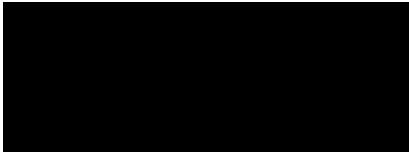
program by continuing its support of the LPP without further delay. Clean water in our lakes is one of our most precious and valuable resources—supporting biodiversity, recreation, property values, and local economies. Clean water is the foundation of the recreational tourism business in rural Ontario.

**My ask is that you support the continuation of this cost effective LLP program and keep me informed regarding your governments decision on this issue.**

Respectfully submitted by



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