Wildfires and Wastewater Workshop

Important Information for Douro Dummer Residents and Cottagers

Sunday June 7, 1:00 p.m. ET

As part of Wildfire Preparedness Day, the BPOA invites Douro Dummer residents and cottagers to join us for a workshop focused on two topics: **wildfires practical risk reduction strategies** and **sewage system maintenance and compliance**. The presentations will provide practical information, resources and tools to help protect homes, our community and our environment, and will help us understand the requirements of Douro-Dummer's Sewage System Maintenance Inspection Program.

Event Details

- **Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET
- **Location:** Camp Kawartha, Rotary Hall, 1010 Birchview Road, Douro Dummer
- **Admission:** No charge (event sponsored by FireSmart™ Canada and organized by BPOA)
- **RSVP:** No RSVP required. Everyone welcome. Membership in BPOA is not required.
- **Topics:** Fire prevention and mitigation, and Sewage system maintenance and compliance.
- **For more information:** contact the president@bpoa.ca

Wildfire Awareness and Fire Prevention Best Practices

2025 was Canada's second worst year on record for wildfires, and the Kawartha Lakes region experienced major fires last summer. Drought conditions and damage from the derecho and ice storm have made our properties especially vulnerable. Our guest speaker Ken Cox from the Ministry of Natural Resources will provide actionable steps that residents can take on their properties and within their neighbourhoods to become more resilient to house fires and wildfires.

Sewage System Maintenance Information

This part of the workshop will be delivered by the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA), with support from the Township of Douro-Dummer. The presentation will offer guidance on maintaining sewage systems to ensure environmental safety and compliance. Knowing the basics of septic function and the regulations around wastewater systems is of crucial importance to keep our lake and our land healthy and enjoyable for generations to come. This session is in anticipation of upcoming sewage system maintenance inspections required for all properties abutting Douro-Dummer Township identified waterbodies including Clear Lake. Stoney Lake, Dummer / White Lake, and Katchawanooka Lake.

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