



FLH - March 2024

NEWSLETTER

Spring is around the corner!

With spring comes a very active wildlife season. In 2023, dedicated volunteers conducted nature outings and turtle walks in the area of the proposed pits, documenting all findings. There have been numerous endangered species seen and documentation has been passed along through the appropriate channels for review. Endangered birds, turtles, snakes, skinks, butterflies and more have been found in the proposed area of both Cavanagh and Arnott sites. If you are out walking, kayaking and enjoying nature this spring, please send us your photos of endangered species. Be sure to document the area (or take a 2nd picture for a reference point), with date, time and location and send to us via email.



Cooney applies for a Zoning By-Law Change

Cooney Construction has applied for a zoning by law change for the 'Cooney Pit' from Rural to Aggregate Extraction near Hopetown. The sand hill they are proposing to remove from this site is a coldwater aquifer recharge zone and currently feeds two trouts creeks in the area. Obviously, this would be hazardous to the future of the trout. Some members of FLH attended the Township Council Meeting on Feb 13th, 2024 regarding this matter. Forbes Symon, Township Planner, recommended that council defer making a decision on the zoning by-law changes until more information, including the site plan and results of peer review, have been received. We will keep you abreast of changes as it moves through the ARA application phase. For more information or to view the application, see live link below [Cooney Construction By Law Change Application](#)

Media Presence 2023

The FLH Communications Committee is always working hard to reach outlets interested in our story. An uphill battle for sure, in 2023 they secured several articles in our local paper, the Lanark Era. Numerous letters were also written by supporters and published - thank you! Noteworthy news from CBC, The Breach, etc. in the live links below:
[CBC - Nicole Williams](#)
[Ottawa Morning Radio](#)
[The Breach - Emma Paling](#)
[Inside Ottawa Valley - Evelyn Harford](#)
[Environmental Defense - Guest Blog](#)
[The Humm - Paddle & Parade](#)

RADON - Barbers Lake Pluton

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can seep into your home from the ground. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless, but it can pose a serious health risk if you are exposed to high levels over time. Radon comes from soil and rocks under the house and gets in through cracks and holes. Concentrations differ greatly by region, but are usually higher in areas where there is a higher amount of Uranium in underlying rock and soil. It is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. We are in a Uranium rich area - Please be safe and test your home for radon yearly. Less than 200 Bq/m³ is considered safe for indoor air quality according to Health Canada and the World Health Organization (WHO) states less than 100 Bq/m³. Don't have a Radon detector? Email us, we would be happy to loan you one to get a reading. [Canada Radon Resources](#) Live link for more information

UPCOMING FLH EVENTS

INFORMATION SESSION - Potluck - Fri. April 19th

McDonalds Corners Agricultural Hall @ 6:30 pm

Up to date info will be presented by the FLH.

Come join us for snacks & desserts, tea/coffee

Please bring a finger food or dessert to share.

EARTHFEST - April 20th, 2024 - 11:00 am till 3:00 pm

FLH will have a table and be handing out information
Carleton Place, ON Market Square 7 Beckwith St

Memberships and Donations

Should you wish to become a member or donate to the Friends of Lanark Highlands, please send us an email.

All monies raised go towards studies, experts, advice and the long battle ahead of us.

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