

Hi everyone,

If you were at last year's AGM, you would have seen the unveiling of the amazing first draft of cottagers emergency # map that Wendy Kennedy-Sadler and Holly Waters have worked on so hard for the last couple of seasons.

Well, this fantastic resource has been finalized and is ready for distribution – a copy for you is attached.

**But before you read any further, let's all say a huge *thank you* to Wendy and Holly for their hard work on our behalf and their commitment to making the River as safe as possible for everyone.**

The map shows the location (by WB or PS emergency number, not name!) of all of the cottages that agreed to participate. It also includes the location of fire pumps, first aid kits, and AEDs that are available from individual cottages, as well as from Chaudière, Solid Comfort, Sandy Haven, Tall Pines, and the Riverview and Dokis marinas.

The map was developed as a resource for our members to use for their own information purposes (you'll see the disclaimer in the box in the upper left). But as a courtesy, we are providing copies to our various formal first responders such as West Nipissing Fire Services, EMS, the new OPP West Nipissing Detachment, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as the informal first responders that we rely on so much such as Riverview Marina, Sandy Haven, and Dokis Marina.

Financially, we aren't in a position to print and distribute copies for everyone (it would use up just about all our annual revenues 😊!), so here are your options.

1. The electronic copy is for your use – feel free to make copies and share it with friends and family.
2. If you would like a hard copy, the attached electronic file was designed to print best at 20"x30" (you probably wouldn't want to go smaller than 18"x24" though). You can do that online through any printing service, including your local Staples (about \$21.95 plus HST for a 20x30 in full colour on nice paper).
3. The third option is Holly Waters – our Association's own "order fulfillment department"! Holly has agreed to print and mail copies to anyone who wants to order them. The price is at cost – \$45 CDN per copy which covers printing as above, plus mailing tube, label and postage. You can order by sending an e-transfer for the full amount to [info@ufrca.com](mailto:info@ufrca.com) or sending a cheque by snail mail to our business address:

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Regardless of which way you choose to pay, please also send a separate email to [info@ufrca.com](mailto:info@ufrca.com) confirming the mailing address you would like it sent to. Once your payment is received and we have confirmed the mailing address, Holly will take it from there.

**Two final things to note...**

**First**, we're planning to post the map on the UFRCA website (which is no longer members only/password protected as you might recall) so that people can access it if-and-when they need to (particularly as members change or new members join).

We've checked around and found that other cottage associations do that as well. Here's a link to the Key River Area Association's map - [http://www.kraa.ca/map\\_project.html](http://www.kraa.ca/map_project.html). As you will see, they have included names as well as numbers (our map is just numbers – no names).

However, we won't be doing this until September, and if there are issues to discuss, we'll be able to do so at the AGM (Sunday August 4 at the Dokis Community Centre— doors open at 10am – business meeting from 10:45am to 11:45am).

And **lastly**, we will also be giving away 3 printed copies of the map as door prizes at the AGM. One entry per person. No absentee entries/winners (so you gotta be there to enter/win). And a skill testing question will apply (just kidding on that last part!).

Best regards,

Sam Goodwin  
President