



## **Presentation to North Frontenac Council**

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### **1. Introductions**

1.1. Bruce Moore, Chair / President of NFLAA (Canonto Lake)

- Patricia McCarron, Chief Administrative Officer, communications, secretary, website and Facebook administrator (Mosque Lake)
- Cliff, Lebarron, Treasurer (Buckshot Lake)

### **2. Origins, Membership, Role:**

- Ron Higgins started the NFLAA in 2010 with 9 lake and road associations.
- This doubled to 18 associations by 2014 representing 1940 waterfront property owners.
- The NFLAA was established by volunteers to provide representation, assistance, and leadership on shared interests.
- In addition to promoting the visibility and voice of lake front property owners, the NFLAA is a forum for information, learning and effective communications for its members.
- Our main goal is to help lake associations in North Frontenac protect and enhance their environment and maintain the quality of water in our lakes for future generations.
- The NFLAA aims to build relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders such as the Township, the County, the Province and related Government Agencies, Aboriginal Peoples, and other community associations.
- We are also encouraging our associations to connect with their councillors across the 3 wards.

### **3. Current Initiatives**

#### **3.1. Septic Inspections**

- Septic inspections, in particular moving from a voluntary to a mandatory system, are difficult.
- Given that the 2022 inspector's report shows continuing low levels of participation in the voluntary program, it is increasingly important to revive discussion on how to move forward.
- We recommend using a step-by-step approach to build upon the current system toward a mandatory system that can achieve the levels of inspections needed to protect our water ways and natural environment.
- The data, evidence base and assessments that have been assembled by the NFLAA, the Report to Council by the Manager of Public Works and the Annual Reports from the



MVCA Septic Inspection Manager provide the inputs for consideration by a Working Group that NFLAA proposed be mandated by Council to draft a “go-forward” plan.

- NFLAA notes that the above documents and data have not been collectively examined to optimize their complementary values and to consider the practical, including financial implications from the various perspectives.
- A Working Group may best consist of Co-chairs from Council and NFLAA, the Manager of Public Works, a member of the NFLAA team that prepared its report to Council and the MVCA Manager of Septic Inspection
- NFLAA offers in consultation with the above parties to draft Terms of Reference for this Working Group.

### **3.2. Short Term Rentals**

- From September 2021- August 2023), the Joint Township / NFLAA Working Group (North, South and Central Frontenac + Addington Highlands) extensively researched the topic and gathered Ontario-wide experience.
- The report, a policy framework and foundation for review by the 4 Townships, has a wide scope covering such topics as defining STRs; the need and objectives and possible components of a by-law; challenges including financial implications and implementation, licensing, administration, complaint process and an extensive bibliography.
- Both the report and the direction from the Working Group are in the minutes of August 22. Neither the report nor the way forward was presented to Council. These documents are valuable to any person or official participating in future consideration of this topic. They are currently the only platform for shared information.
- The next step, as recommended by the Working Group, pre-election, was to mandate the CAO NF to convene discussions with the CAOs of the other 3 Townships in line with the recommendations and actions seen to follow thereafter. We encourage this Council to provide that mandate.

### **3.3. Lake Carrying Capacity**

- The current Official Plan contains multiple references to lake carrying capacity. The stated aim is for growth to consider the physical, environmental, social and economic aspects of the waterfront.
- The OP states that it will work with the County to develop a classification system and assign appropriate limitations to individual lakes. The County Planner has indicated that NFLAA will be invited to participate in the development of the framework. When asked when with this begin, it seems to have slide on the list of priorities. Encouragement by the Council may help. Council would build on its 2016 Resolution to develop a data set toward this same goal.

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