

North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance

Response to Key Questions – Election 2026

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Introduction:

For the past four years, I have had the privilege of being the Mayor of the Township of North Frontenac. It has been a honour to serve you. Now, I am back to ask you to place your trust in me and allow me to continue in this role for a second, and final, term.

Please note that I have not used AI to create any of the following responses.

Response to Key NFLAA Questions:

1. What position are you vying for?

Mayor of the Township of North Frontenac

2. Working Relationship

Given the significant number of lakefront property owners who belong to the NFLAA, how do you propose to resolve common issues and provide us with a platform for our voice? How would you propose engaging with Lake Associations to understand their concerns? What steps will you take to foster this approach?

It is my understanding that the NFLAA was originally created to represent all Lake Associations in order to facilitate broad communication and to help understand and resolve common issues. I fully support this approach. I am of the opinion that you can't begin to successfully resolve an issue unless you know what the issue is, what is being asked, and possible remedies. I also believe that information needs to flow both ways. To this end, I am an advocate of building relationships that facilitate open and continued two-way communication and understanding.

Therefore, I propose the following:

- Continue meetings with the NFLAA executive/board as required
- Attend the NFLAA AGM
- Attend the AGM of individual Lake Associations
- Attend individual Lake Association board meetings
- Attend "ad hoc" meetings as requested

In addition to the forgoing, I am prepared to draft articles for inclusion in Lake Association membership newsletters.

3. Septic System Re-Inspection Program

Because of the critical importance of septic maintenance programs and the impact on the quality of water, this is a topic of vital importance to the NFLAA. To this end, NFLAA has been advocating for a mandatory septic system re-inspection program similar to what has been put on place by several other Townships. Please outline your position on this topic, including specifically your thoughts on this issue relative to waterfront properties.

I can think of nothing worse, or possibly more deadly, than a malfunctioning septic system contaminating a water body immediately adjacent to a water

intake. I remember Walkerton! As a result, I support expanding our septic re-inspection program.

The Township of North Frontenac currently operates a voluntary septic re-inspection program. This program came close to being cancelled but with the welcome support of the NFLAA and the Lake Associations, it has gradually expanded year over year. In fact, 2026, was the best year yet and Council added extra money to the program budget to facilitate the additional requested inspections. I would like to see this cooperation continue to improve and will budget extra dollars in the Township's annual operating budget to support the program expansion. I will also work to ensure that issues identified during the inspections are followed up and corrected as necessary.

As a second step, Township Council has approved the Environmental Task Force recommendation to require a septic system inspection be completed at change of property ownership and the results filed with the Township. Council has asked staff to provide them with information as to how this program will work along with time-lines and associated costs. Please note that this will apply to all properties, waterfront and non-waterfront. I am in favour of implementing this requirement.

Further to an enhanced voluntary program and a change of property ownership program, and pending their successful implementation, I am prepared to support a full waterfront mandatory inspection program.

4. Short-Term Rentals (STR's)

The Township's Environmental Task Force (ETF) has recommended a policy to address the issue of STR's. What is your understanding of the issue, and do you feel the ETF's recommendations adequately and fairly address the issue?

STR's are a problem. Not only do they have a tendency to syphon clientele away from legitimate businesses, but their renters also use our waste sites, boat launches, roadways, and so forth. Additionally, some STR operators and clients demonstrate little or no respect for neighbours or for our environment. All of this while contributing little, if anything, to the North Frontenac economy.

The legal issues surrounding STR's and enforcing local bylaws is slowly being clarified and the Township is now in an improved position to move forward with a STR licencing bylaw. To this end, Township Council not only approved the ETF's recommendation to implement such a bylaw but authorized staff to retain the services of a consultant to design the program.

Please note that North Frontenac currently does not have the staff to implement and police the anticipated program. However when put in place along side an expanded septic re-inspection program and our new parking bylaw (currently waiting on Provincial approval), resulting costs can be accommodated within program revenue.

It is my opinion that an STR licensing program will improve the quality of STR's within our Township, improve relationships with neighbours, help to maintain our pristine environment and level the playing field for local businesses.

5. Land-Use Development vs the Environment

What is your position on balancing the trade-off between promoting land-use development and protecting the environment in North Frontenac?

I believe that land-use development is important but only at a reasonable cost - never at any cost! Development proposals must always respect the importance of our environment!

I have supported, and will continue to do so, measures that protect our environment including voting in favour of the Township's strategic plan which is built around protection of our environment. I respect our motto – 4 seasons, more reasons.

6. What are your top three priorities coming into this role?

1. Complete the work of the previous Council including the implementation of the parking bylaw, STR licensing program, and further development of the septic re-inspection program including both voluntary and at time of property transfer
2. Continue improving and updating the Township's capital assets of roads, bridges, and buildings complete with sufficient capital funding
3. Continue to support economic development through on-going support for our current businesses while working to attract new opportunities.

Other Priorities

ALTO

Continue to monitor and be fully aware of potential impacts from the ALTO initiative on North Frontenac.

Housing Development

Continue to work to improve the state of repair as well as the availability of adequate housing

County of Frontenac

Continue to work with the County of Frontenac to improve paramedic coverage throughout North Frontenac

Closing

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my response to your questions. I remain available to provide additional information as appropriate. I will also make myself available to meet with you and others should you wish to discuss these topics and others on an in-person basis. (gerrylichty@gmail.com)(613-390-1207)