

Thank you so much for this opportunity to provide feedback and identify my position.

Question 1. What position are you vying for: mayor or councillor?

Response:

I am seeking the position of Councillor for Ward 1.

Question 2. Working relationship:

Given the significant number of lakefront property owners who belong to 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?

Response:

Given the NFLAA represents 18 lake associations and your membership representing 59% of waterfront property owners, this means that, to me, lake associations aren't just another stakeholder—they are an important source of local knowledge.

I want regular communication, not waiting until an issue comes before Council. I propose meeting with lake associations regularly, listening to concerns collectively, so that I can ensure those concerns are brought forward to Council.

As a councillor it's important to listen, understand the issue, ask questions, and make decisions based on good information and the broader interests of North Frontenac.

Question 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 in place by several other local Townships. Please outline your position on this topic, including specifically your thoughts on this issue relative to waterfront properties.

Response:

If we are serious about protecting our lakes, we have to take septic systems seriously. In North Frontenac properties rely on septic systems, a poorly maintained or system that is in a failing state can affect the lakes that make this area what it is.

I believe that property owners should be presented with a reasonable and practical inspection schedule. Included in this should be clear communication and education about maintenance of a septic system. Many owners haven't had to deal with a septic system so it's a new concept to them that taking the time to educate them would result in a clear understanding of how to maintain a system, recognize when a problem could be starting, and how to ensure the environment is protected. We need to ensure that any program implemented is fair and workable.

#### Question 4. Short-term Rentals (STRs)

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

Response:

I believe that responsible short-term rentals can be part of the local economy, but they need to operate responsibly and shouldn't negatively affect neighbouring properties or the environment. Impacts such as noise, septic capacity, garbage, parking, occupancy, shoreline impacts and the relationship between short-term visitors and neighbouring residents need to be addressed and considered.

As an owner of a resort, there are items that we need to do as part of being a business to ensure that we are not negatively impacting the area these include ensuring our septic is up to standards, regular water maintenance including testing and treatment, garbage bins for disposal, ensuring our patrons/visitors are respectful to our neighbours when it comes to noise and how they treat the environment. I believe that STRs need to also consider these as part of their regular course of business.

Question 5. What is your position on balancing the tradeoff between promoting land-use development and protecting the environment in North Frontenac?

Response:

North Frontenac's lakes, forests, wetlands and dark skies are a huge part of what makes this community special. They are also part of why people choose to live, work and invest here. I believe development should be encouraged where it makes sense, but it needs to be responsible and consider the long-term impact on our environment and our communities. We need to look at the long-term consequences, not just the immediate benefit.

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

Response:

##### 1. Protecting our lakes and natural environment

Water quality, septic systems, responsible shoreline development and maintaining the environmental assets that make North Frontenac special.

##### 2. Responsible growth and economic development

Finding ways to support businesses, tourism and appropriate development while making sure growth fits the character and capacity of our communities.

##### 3. Better communication and community representation

Making sure residents, lake associations, businesses and community groups have the comfort and habit of knowing that there will be meaningful opportunities to be heard before decisions are made—not simply after decisions have been made.