



Key Questions for 2026 North Frontenac Municipal Candidates

The **North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance** (NFLAA) is a coalition of 18 Lake Associations representing the interests of waterfront property owners broadly across the Township, and with membership comprising 59% of these property owners. The NFLAA was established by volunteers to provide representation, assistance, and leadership on shared interests.

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.

Given that the NFLAA works closely with North Frontenac Council, we are keenly interested in the candidates' positions on key strategic issues that are closely aligned with our mission.

1. **Questions for candidates:** What position are you vying for: mayor or councillor ?
[Councillor - Ward 1](#)

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?

[In 2022 I told you my home on Myers Cave Resort sits on the route lake residents pass on their way in and out, and that I'd be an accessible, waterfront-owner voice on Council. Having served few months on Council, I can point to that being true in practice rather than just a promise. As a waterfront property owner myself, I understand the NFLAA's concerns firsthand, not as an outside observer. I've made a point of being reachable directly by phone or email, and I'd like to formalize that further: a regular \(quarterly\) check-in with NFLAA's executive, plus a standing invitation for me to attend AGMs would be a good start. Lake associations are the closest thing this Township has to an early-warning system on water quality and shoreline pressure and I believe Council should be listening to that, not waiting for it to become a crisis.](#)

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.

Water quality is the reason people live here, and I take it seriously. My position in 2022 was that we needed better data before layering on a mandatory inspection regime, I still believe evidence should drive policy, not the other way around. If NFLAA or any other agency can bring forward data showing a direct correlation between failing systems and phosphorus levels on specific lakes, I'm open to a targeted program, starting with the most sensitive lakes rather than a blanket township-wide mandate that's expensive to administer and enforce.

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?

In it's Aug meeting, Council has authorized commissioning a consultant to prepare a report on this issue, and I think that's the right approach, STR regulation needs to be grounded in actual data on where the problems are, not drafted reactively.

One clarification that's important to how this conversation should go:

What NFLAA's report and most of the concern I hear at the door is really about certain entities converting regular residential properties into unlicensed rental operations, no business license, no permit, no oversight, and running them as a commercial operation in a residential zone. That's the gap that actually needs addressing: identifying those properties, bringing them into compliance or requiring a license, and making sure enforcement has teeth. I support the tiered approach NFLAA's committee has proposed as a starting framework, and I'll be looking closely at what the consultant's report recommends once it comes back to Council.

I've followed the ETE's work on this issue, and I supported the outcome, but more work needs to be done before we have something workable. That's why Council has moved to commission a consultant to build out a detailed report from the ETF's recommendations, so we're regulating based on solid data and a clear process, not something drafted reactively.

To be clear on where I stand: I do support regulating STRs. One important clarification, In my opinion, 'short-term rental' by definition shouldn't and doesn't include licensed commercial accommodation providers such as resorts, lodges, motels, inns. Those operate under an entirely separate licensing and inspection process. My own business, Myers Cave Resort, falls into that category, so this isn't a case of me arguing for an exemption, the exemption is baked into what the term means.

What this issue is really about, and what I hear most from residents, is certain entities converting regular residential properties into unlicensed short-term rental operations, no business license, no permit, no oversight, and running them like a commercial operation in a residential zone. That's the real gap that needs addressing: identifying those properties, bringing them into compliance and making sure enforcement is actually carried out once a bylaw is in place.

I'll be looking closely at what the consultant's report recommends when it comes back to Council, and I expect to support moving forward on regulation from there, if I'm still in position by then.

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

These aren't opposites to me, they're the same goal.

Throughout my 30 years working in civil engineering and construction on large-scale projects, I learned that development done with proper environmental controls up front, costs less than damage repaired after the fact!

North Frontenac's economy depends on the lakes staying clean: tourism, property values, and the quality of life, all rest on that.

So my approach is: yes to sustainable development and tourism growth, but not at the expense of water quality or shoreline integrity. Planning decisions should weight environmental impact seriously, not as an afterthought. I believe that my voting in the past few months clearly reflect that stance.

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

In addition to making sure ALTO does not find a path in NF, and making sure that our youth have a future here in our area, I'd say that the top 3 priorities would be:

- 1) Economic development & tourism, achieving sustainable growth that doesn't compromise the lakes.
- 2) Environmental stewardship of our lakes and shorelines: as a waterfront owner and business operator myself, this isn't abstract to me.
- 3) Council accountability and transparency, residents deserve to see how decisions affecting their properties and environment get made.