



North Frontenac Septic Savvy Seminar June 8, 2019

The Central Frontenac
Experience

An Ongoing Story in Central Frontenac

- First Started in 2009
- Coalition of Lake Associations – 2013
- Committee of Council – 2014
- Second Committee – 2017
- Program Underway – May 2019



Realizations and Understandings

- No one has a right to contaminate anyone else's water
- Data can be limited or non-existent
- Systems can and do fail
- Age is the greatest factor
- Most of our area is vulnerable Fractured Bedrock, Shallow Overburden, Soil Type)



Social and Political Learnings

- Volunteer Programs are not the answer
- Councils need a great deal of convincing
 - Financial constraints and fear of additional expenditures
 - Concerns with potential resistance from constituents
- The push will need to come from lake associations
- There will be a divide between Waterfront/Non-Waterfront



Resistance and Push Back

- Misunderstandings, misinformation and rumours feed into fears/concerns--→Opposition
 - Expense of program
 - shouldn't affect me – limited use(seasonal, not on water), newer system
 - Fears of finding faulty system--→potential for major expenses
 - Don't want to be told what to do



Communication and Education Process is Required

- Print
 - Newspaper notices
 - Tax letter inserts
 - Letters to householders
- Website
 - Updates
 - Policy/procedures
- Public Meetings
- Social media



Why are You Doing This ?

- Public Health
- Environment (Water Quality)
- Economy

