

Septic Savvy Workshop – May 26th, 2018

Terry Kennedy's comments for Septic Savvy Workshop Panel ,May 26th,2018

An Ongoing Story of Work toward a Re-Inspection Program in Central Frontenac

First started in 2009

Coalition of Lake Associations

Committee of Council

Now a second committee

Sobering Realities (1)

No one has a right to contaminate anyone else's water

Data is limited or non-existent (1974)

Systems can and do fail

Age is greatest factor

Most of our area is vulnerable (Fractured Bedrock, Shallow Overburden, Soil Type)

Realities (2)

Volunteer programs not the answer

The push will need to come from lake people

Councils will likely need to be pushed

The Waterfront/Non-Waterfront issue

Issues to be thought through

Why do this? – Public Health; Environment (Water Quality); Economy

What will be involved in an inspection/assessment?

Who will do the inspections?

Who will pay?

What connection between assessment and pump out?

What will be the interval between required assessments?

Who maintains the records (and How)?

What happens with enforcement and following up with faulty systems (including who pays)?

'The plan that was but never became'

Bylaw licensing pumpers/haulers to assess, plus others to be trained

Mandatory filing of assessment

Digital Record Keeping – initiated at time of assessment

Recognizing there were various levels of use and therefore need for pump out – the original requirement for a 5 year pump out was modified to a requirement for a 5 year assessment cycle

Owner to Pay

Derailed by concern about the 'little guy' who can't afford to replace a system

Still a work in progress