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**2014 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire**

This questionnaire has been compiled by AWARE Simcoe with input from twelve other like-minded NGOs.

AWARE Simcoe considers the preservation of farmland, the protection of water quality and natural heritage and providing transparency in government decision making to be the primary issues of this election. Our goal is to elect representatives who support those objectives.

**Question 1**

***If elected, will you undertake to make decisions consistent with the protection of food producing farmland (classes 1 – 4) and source water regions?***

Answer: Yes YES No

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**Question 2**

***Will you sign/have you signed the Food and Water First Pledge?*** <http://foodandwaterfirst.com/pledge/>

Answer: Yes No NO

**Question 3**

***Are you prepared to make Natural Heritage preservation in Simcoe County a priority?***

Answer: Yes YES No

**Question 4**

 ***If elected, will you:***

* ***Hold closed meetings only when absolutely necessary.***

Answer: Yes  **YES**  No

***b) Will you support video recording council meetings, including County Council?***

 Answer: Yes  No  **NO**

***c) Seek public input for any new development proposals within your municipality?***

Answer: Yes  **YES**  No

* ***Support the use of the Provincial Ombudsman to investigate in-camera meeting violations?***

Answer: Yes  No  **NO**

**Question 5**

***If elected, will you undertake to only support new private development proposals that have had a cost/benefit analysis (including impact on urban sprawl and municipal taxes) done by the municipality and paid for by the developer.***

Answer: Yes No NO

**Question 6**

***If elected, will you support the creation of a lobby registry for local and County government?***

Answer: Yes No NO

**Question 7**

***a) Does your campaign accept corporate or union donations?***

**Answer: *Yes***   ***No*** NO

***COMMENTS:***

*1****.*** PLANNING REQUIREMENT ALREADY BEING DONE

2. THIS IS A PRIORITY WE LOOK AT WITHIN OUR PLANNING DOCUMENTS WITHOUT NEEDING MY SIGNATURE ON A PLEDGE

3. WE HAVE AND CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION, AS IT IS A REQUIRMENT FROM THE PROVINCE, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND OAK RIDGE MORAINE LEGISLATION

4.

a. MANDATED MUNICIPAL ACT

b. I BELIEVE RESIDENTS WOULD NOT BE AS FORTHCOMING ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS WITH A CAMERA IN THEIR FACE

c. WE ALWAYS HAVE MORE PUBLIC MEETINGS THEN REQUIRED UNDER THE ACT FOR THE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

d. LIKE MOST OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PROVINCE WE HAVE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR WHO PROVIDES THIS SERVICE

5. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO UNDERTAKE THE COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS WHICH WE ALWAYS DO. THIS COULD BE IN A FEES BYLAW REVIEW, DEVELOPMENT CHARGES REVIEW OR A MORE IN DEPTH PROCESS NEVER LIMITING OURSELVES TO ONE

6. ALTHOUGH ALLOWED FOR WITHIN THE ACT, I BELIEVE WE LOSE THE LOCAL ACCESSIBLITY AND OPENESS TO THE PUBLIC BY SUPPORTING THIS REGISTRY

7. I HAVE NEVER AND WILL NEVER ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS FOR MY CAMPAIGN FROM ANYONE OR ANY ORGANIZATION AS I DO NOT WANT ANY TYPE OF EXPECTATIONS AFTER THE ELECTION.

Candidate Name: Municipality Date:

Doug Little Adjala Tosorontio September 18, 2014

Please return the completed questionnaire to the sender as soon as possible, but not later than September 19, 2014. The results will be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe Candidate Questionnaire.