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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.

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### 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  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

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### Question 3

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

Answer: Yes  No

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### Question 4

*If elected, will you:*

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

Answer: Yes  No

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

Answer: Yes  No

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

Answer: Yes  No

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

Answer: Yes  No

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**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

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**Question 6**

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

Answer: Yes  No

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**Question 7**

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

Answer: Yes  No

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**COMMENTS:**

***I am a new candidate and there are three areas of questions that I feel I dont have all the information. What would a lobby registry for local and County government look like? Implications? One of my goals is to encourage business development in the town of Waubaushene. I think Council should facilitate development when it works for the greater public good. Consultation absolutely is needed with those who would be affected by any growth or change in planning.***

***Making Natural Heritage a priority...Sorry but am unsure what that means or the implications...and in our region it is not an issue that people are talking about unless it is restoring the Beach at Pine Street and that, I am certainly prioritizing.***

***Thank you for this opportunity.***

***Cate,  
Catherine Root***

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Catherine Root

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Sept . 15.14

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.