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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 No

Question 2

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

Answer: Yes No

Question 3

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

Answer: Yes ✓ No

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

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 In part (see comments) No

Question 6

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

Answer: Yes If necessary No

Question 7

Does your campaign accept corporate or union donations?

Answer: Yes No ✓

COMMENTS:

Question 5. I do support the determination of the cost/benefit of growth within a comprehensive, long term (minimum 3 years, up to 10 years) Township economic development strategy and implementation plan, including a tax

revenue plan and a study of the impact on the cost of home ownership in the municipality. I do not think doing individual analysis by development proposal will be anymore effective than the way discrete growth planning is currently done by application. Contributions from developers towards such a plan should be recovered through DC's.

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Thom Paterson

Clearview Township

October 06, 2014

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Please return the completed questionnaire to the sender as soon as possible.

The results will be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe Candidate Questionnaire.