

Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on putting your name forward as a Candidate for Municipal Office.

AWARE Essa is a satellite of AWARE Simcoe a citizens' group with members in all Simcoe County municipalities as well as in Barrie and Orillia. We work to protect water, the environment, and health through transparency and accountability in government.

As part of that process, we try to monitor the activity of local councils and agencies, provide input and report on issues of concern to us on our website [www.aware-simcoe.ca](http://www.aware-simcoe.ca). (AWARE's Vision for Simcoe County can be viewed on the website.)

We are committed to encouraging and supporting public engagement in the political process. To that end, in 2010 and 2014, we distributed questionnaires to all Candidates and found that the responses we received were helpful to our members and supporters in making choices at election time.

This year, we have prepared an updated questionnaire which we respectfully ask you to complete and return by email to the sender, as soon as is convenient but no later than Thursday October 4. Your answers will be posted on the AWARE Essa Face Book Page and the AWARE Simcoe website – as written by you, without any editing or commentary - as soon as possible upon receipt.

We hope that you will find this a useful way to bring your views to the public's attention.

Thank you for your participation in the election.

Sincerely,

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## 2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Please return the completed questionnaire to the sender as soon as possible, but no later than October 4, 2018. **N.B: As this is a Word document, you can take as much space as you wish to respond.** The answers will be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

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1. Water is a finite resource. Do you feel there is a need to protect water, wetlands and recharge areas from development, aggregate extraction and other intrusive activities in your municipality? If so, how will you achieve this?

ANSWER

It will always be and on going question and there is a fine balance between town growing and encroaching on our water issues. One can only look at what Barrie has done in regards to there ecosystem. To achieve this we must use education  
And proper planning.

2. Development charges never fully cover the cost of new development. Will you make sure that all costs that *should be* paid by development charges under existing legislation *are* covered? When considering an application, on what basis will you decide whether a development is a net benefit for the community?

ANSWER

This is a sensitive area as I believe this township never fully receives their charges And I conquer that we should. To give you an example, the sewer line from Baxter to Angus was not properly vetted and will cost the taxpayer many dollars in the future. I will decided a development is a benefit through location, which includes how it affects our environment, an example is townhouses on centre street.

3. Do you support/oppose expansion of the Greenbelt into Simcoe County? In either case, please explain why.

ANSWER

I don't have enough knowledge on this topic to give my opinion.

4. Simcoe County Council chose a county forest in Springwater – zoned Agricultural – as the site for a (needed) waste handling facility, the Environmental Resource Recovery Centre. Springwater Township objected, pointing out that this is an industrial use and there are suitable properties zoned Industrial. What is your view?

ANSWER

This doesn't affect our township of Angus from my understanding but I would certainly involve the community in that decision process.

5. Since 1924, the Ontario Tree Seed Facility in Angus performed a vital task for the whole province of coordinating seed collection from 37 zones across the province to ensure seedlings are returned to grow in the zone to which they are uniquely suited. The Progressive Conservative government is reviewing the closing ordered by the Liberals. What is your opinion on this matter?

ANSWER

I believe the tree seed plant must be maintained.

6. If elected, what are your top three priorities?

ANSWER

- Building infrastructure to meet the needs of Angus
- Stop urban sprawl
- Infrastructure for seniors

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire