

2018 AWARE Simcoe questionnaire

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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?

Yes it is important to protect water, wetlands and recharge areas as a very important resource. Proper studies are required to ensure any development occurs in the correct location.

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?

Development Charges, plus the incurred costs by developers, are meant to cover the cost of any development. With any new development, studies are required to look at a number of issues including but not limited to hydrogeological, traffic studies, etc. to ensure the limited impact of the new development. The Province is now driving development to settlement areas where water/sewer services are present.

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

The Municipality will need to respect the boundaries as determined by the Province for the Greenbelt area.

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?

I would need to review more information and studies to help facilitate an informed response.

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?

The need for trees is obvious. Certainly do not like to see employment in the area lost.

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

- Build on existing recreational programs and facilities
- Ensure the financial sustainability of the Township
- Seek opportunities to enhance the availability of internet services to the residents of Essa