

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: Jim Hunter      Municipality: Essa      Date: October 3, 2018

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 There is no doubt that water is one of the most valuable resources. Sources of clean water must be protected and not just for drinking. This is an important and challenging undertaking. As a member of council, I will endeavour to become much more knowledgeable about the water situation in Essa. AWARE will be a good source to me in the learning process. I will also undertake to look for the environmental impact of other decisions made in council.

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: Existing legislation needs to be abided by. Each application needs to be looked at from as many points of view as possible to ensure good quality of life for the residents of our township.

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

ANSWER: I am supportive of greenbelts and not opposed to expansion into Simcoe County in principle.

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: I am unaware of the facts surrounding the Township of Springwater's decision. Consequently, I cannot respond to this question.

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: Keep the Tree Seed Facility in Angus.

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

1. Sustainable environment to ensure good quality of life for Essa Township residents.
2. Recreational opportunities within the Township.
3. Fiscally responsible growth by developing and maintaining an infrastructure Essa Township residents can afford.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire