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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

SCOTT MACPHERSON

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Please return the completed questionnaire to the sender as soon as possible, but no later than October 4, 2018. The answers will then be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

N.B: As this is a Word document, you can take as much space as you wish to respond.

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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: **YES... source water protection zones are protected/enshrined in provincial legislation.**

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: **Yes**

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

ANSWER: **YES...with some tinkering, neither complete support nor opposition.**

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: Wrong location in middle of county forest, location across from Napoleon makes more sense.

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: Tree seed facility should not close; I am a former Tree Farmer.

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

ANSWER : Prudent fiscal management of scarce municipal revenues and keep tax increases if any, at or below rate of inflation.....continue ongoing road improvements, it's an ongoing task , AND FINALLY, lobby for better access to hi-speed rural internet and access to natural gas for rural areas.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.