

Jack Hanna – Springwater Ward 5 – October 5 2018

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

Absolutely: Those that cannot grasp the importance of this life sustaining resource only need to look at California, Middle East and African Countries. I would consider supporting civil or legal consequences for those who deliberately destroy an aquifer and/or who are negligent and/or permit such destruction or the inability for regeneration.

I have and continue to advance concerns about protecting the environment and creating green belt protection for sensitive areas which is long past due.

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

I am on record and have pledged in my election campaign material that I believe developers should be required to pay for as much as legislation will permit. Conditions of the Planning Act etc. can be applied to help negotiate this. Those who state we need to embrace development generate concerns about their affiliations and motives. Voters need to assess their motives and affiliations.

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

ANSWER

Currently there is no green belt protection in Simcoe County. The most sensitive areas and the tributaries etc. that impact these areas need to be identified and protected. Concessions and/or encroachments in established Green Belts should be made more challenging and difficult to circumvent than the current environmental protection zones which are frequently overturned.

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 do not agree with the location. For example the entrance is partway up a hill in a forest. Given the communities to be served it would be better located south of Barrie. I did point out to those who support putting the facility in a Springwater industrial area they need to be aware that this would significantly increase truck traffic on our internal roadways. The plan is depended on a high volume of truck traffic. Putting the E.R.R.C. close to Hwy 400 is intelligent.

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

Hopefully the PC party will correct this questionable Liberal decision. Not as bad as McGuinty closing the billion dollar hydro project, or Wynne selling Hydro One but, right up there with the closing of Springwater Provincial Park.

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

## ANSWER

I have made a career of helping people and will continue to do that as their elected representative. I will continue to put taxpayers first by advancing their concerns and protecting their interests. I will do this by being approachable and maintaining open and transparent contact. A full time 24/7 commitment. I will continue to hold staff and the rest of council accountable by questioning apparent agendas and bias during decision making and requiring justifiable business cases and/or supporting facts for major budget expenditures. I will continue to keep residents informed in a truthful accurate and timely manner via my existing constituent BCC email list and news articles.