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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

.....Sandy Agnew.....

.....Oro-Medonte....

.....Sep 25, 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 an urgent need to protect our water, wetland and aquifer recharge areas. As chair of the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition I believe the best way to do that is to extend the Provincial Greenbelt to include all of Simcoe County.

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

Net benefit means that the benefits such as jobs and taxes are not offset by costs such as loss of farmland, loss of natural heritage and ecological functions or environmental degradation. Development must pay for development. If developers do not cover the costs they will not proceed.

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

ANSWER

See 1 above. The Provincial Places to Grow legislation dictates where development can occur. The Greenbelt legislation works in concert with the PTG Plan by dictating where development cannot occur.

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 fully support building a compost and recycling facility but not in the middle of a forest, County or otherwise. It needs to be located in an industrial area closer to main highways. I would also like to see the plant built in partnership with the cities of Barrie and Orillia.

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

The tree seed plant is needed to provide the quantity and genetic diversity of seed to maintain our forests. I will lobby the province to maintain this government facility.

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

ANSWER

Open and transparent government

Protection of farmland, water and natural heritage systems.

Building sustainable communities

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire