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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality:

Date:

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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, there is a need to protect water, wetlands and recharge areas. I think the work done by the Source Water Protection group should be consulted to identify the recharge areas for municipal wells. If development is being approved in a recharge area, I would strongly support/recommend using Low Impact Design standards (as was done in Forest Home).

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

Development charges should cover the cost of new development. The challenge becomes, is it the average cost of development in a municipality, or the specific cost for an individual development. I think, that an average cost for development needs to be determined and then applied across the township.

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

ANSWER

I think expansion of the Greenbelt needs to be looked at on a provincial level. The provincial government has access to crop yield data from Agricorp (crop insurance). This data would show areas of highest agricultural productivity, and these areas should be protected first. Areas of production for specialized crops (tender fruit, vegetables) should also be given top priority for protection.

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 visited Environmental Resource Centres for Toronto and Peel on a Simcoe County bus tour. These sites were clean and virtually odour free. I commented, that I would not object to one across from my home. The truck traffic is the largest drawback. If there was a tract of land on a county road, zoned industrial, and priced reasonably, I could have supported that.

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

I think the maintenance of biodiversity is important. Disease outbreaks (Dutch Elm) can put a spotlight on this. A strain of a species may have resistance to a widespread disease. This facility should be maintained.

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

ANSWER

My priorities are 1. Roads 2. Expansion of high speed internet service 3. Expansion of natural gas availability.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.