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2014 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

This questionnaire has been compiled by AWARE Simcoe with input from twelve other like-minded NGOs:

AWARE Simcoe considers the preservation of farmland, the protection of water quality and natural heritage and providing transparency in government decision making to be the primary issues of this election. Our goal is to elect representatives who support those objectives.

Question 1

If elected, will you undertake to make decisions consistent with the protection of food producing farmland (classes 1 - 4) and source water regions?

Answer: Yes No

Question 2

Will you sign/have you signed the Food and Water First Pledge?

<http://foodandwaterfirst.com/pledge/>

Answer: Yes No SEE COMMENTS BELOW.

Question 3

Are you prepared to make Natural Heritage preservation in Simcoe County a priority?

Answer: Yes No

Question 4

If elected, will you:

a) Hold closed meetings only when absolutely necessary.

Answer: Yes No

b) Will you support video recording council meetings, including County Council?

Answer: Yes No

c) Seek public input for any new development proposals within your municipality?

Answer: Yes No

d) Support the use of the Provincial Ombudsman to investigate in-camera meeting violations?

Answer: Yes No SEE COMMENTS BELOW.

Question 5

If elected, will you undertake to only support new private development proposals that have had a cost/benefit analysis (including impact on urban sprawl and municipal taxes) done by the municipality and paid for by the developer.

Answer: Yes No

Question 6

If elected, will you support the creation of a lobby registry for local and County government?

Answer: Yes No SEE COMMENTS BELOW.

Question 7

a) Does your campaign accept corporate or union donations?

Answer: Yes No

COMMENTS:

**#2 THE PLEDGE STATES “ I promise to protect Ontario’s Class 1 farmland and source water regions”
I CAN’T PROMISE THAT I CAN PROTECT CLASS 1 FARMLAND & SOURCE WATER REGIONS, ONLY THAT
I WILL TRY WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND WHEN IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RESIDENTS TO DO SO.**

**#4 D I HAVE ARGUED UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR EXCLUSIVE UTILIZATION OF THE OMBUDSMAN TO
CONDUCT CLOSED SESSION INVESTIGATIONS. SPRINGWATER LIKE A NUMBER OF OTHER
MUNICIPALITIES DOES NOT HAVE AN INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER. THEREFORE, I ALSO BELIEVE THAT
THE OMBUDSMAN’S SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COUNCIL
MISCONDUCT, AND COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS.**

**# 6 I AM ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE OF HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE AND ADVANCING TAXPAYER’S
CONCERNS. HOWEVER I NEED MORE INFORMATION BEFORE I COULD MAKE A COMMITMENT.**

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF AWARE AND ALL THE OTHER GROUPS THAT TAKE AN INTEREST AND TRY TO HOLD THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ACCOUNTABLE.

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

JACK HANNA

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Please return the completed questionnaire as soon as possible but not later September 19, 2014. The results will be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe Candidate Questionnaire.

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