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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

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

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

Question 7

a) Does your campaign accept corporate or union donations?

Answer: Yes No In the 2010 campaign, I received support from the Barrie Labour Council. So far in this campaign I have not received funds from any union or corporation.

COMMENTS:

If elected to Springwater Council, I am committed to introducing a motion to declare Springwater a Blue Community, one which recognizes water as a human right; promotes publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste water services; and bans the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events.

<u>Candidate Name:</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Date:</u>
...Katy Austin.....	Springwater...	September 15, 2014.

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.

