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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.

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### 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

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### Question 2

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

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

Answer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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### Question 3

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

Answer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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### Question 4

*If elected, will you:*

a) *Hold closed meetings only when absolutely necessary.*

Answer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

*and provide as much information to the public as possible regarding the in-camera sessions as per best practices encouraged by the Ombudsman.*

**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

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### **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 *I will only support new development that is in keeping with the policies of the Township of Tiny*

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### **Question 6**

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

Answer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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### **Question 7**

**a) Does your campaign accept corporate or union donations?**

Answer: Yes

No

*I may receive monies from local businesses that are incorporated but I will not be accepting union donations*

**COMMENTS:**

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

*Cindy Hastings*

*Tiny*

*Sept. 19/14*

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