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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      X      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      Signed      No

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### **Question 3**

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

Answer:      Yes      X      No

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### **Question 4**

*If elected, will you:*

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

Answer:      Yes      X      No

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

Answer:      Yes      X                      No

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

Answer:      Yes      X                      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

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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      -----      I would need to know more about the requirements and the need for such a registry before I can honestly answer this. There has to be a documented need for such an undertaking. I would be hesitant to support the creation of a "lobby registry" simply for the sake of creating one. If you have any background information on this matter and the need for such a registry locally and in Simcoe County, please forward. I would be happy to review

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### **Question 7**

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

Answer:      Yes                      No      X

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**COMMENTS:**

*AWARE Simcoe* MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE – 2014

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Dick Wesselo.....

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September 8, 2014.....

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.

Thank you for completing the *AWARE Simcoe* Candidate Questionnaire.