

Future Generations Need Us to Act

Simcoe County is made up of 16 municipalities whose Mayors and Deputy Mayors also sit as Simcoe County Councillors: Adjala-Tosorontio, Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Clearview, Collingwood, Essa, Midland, New Tecumseth, Oro-Medonte, Penetanguishene, Ramara, Tay, Severn, Springwater, Tiny, and Wasaga Beach.

Simcoe County Mayors and Councillors make decisions affecting the whole county except for Barrie and Orillia, which are separated cities. Both cities are a very important part of life within the Simcoe area and as such they are also well represented in AWARE Simcoe.

AWARE Simcoe Purpose

We promote and maintain a healthy community within the carrying capacity of our environment.

Value	AWARE Simcoe Core Value Statement
Environmental Awareness	Environmental Awareness will lead to stewardship across our community
Ethics	We will conduct ourselves with integrity in all our dealings.
Future Generations	Our legacy must demonstrate that we are good ancestors.
Accountability	We will be accountable advocates.
Commitment	We are determined and persistent.
Information sharing	Informed citizens make good decisions.

How Can I Help?

Join AWARE Simcoe

The more members that AWARE Simcoe has, the more our voice will be heard. Go to the AWARE Simcoe website and click "AWARE" then "Membership". The cost is \$20 single or \$30 for a family.

On the net, click AWARE and then Membership. We need your support.

Participate

Our board meets once a month and visitors are welcome. We can always use additional people and there are many tasks waiting to be done.

On the website, click "Contact Us" and inquire about dates, times and locations.

Discuss

Discuss the issues with your friends, neighbours and local politicians.



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Mission Statement

AWARE Simcoe is a citizens' group that works to protect water, the environment and health through transparency and accountability in government.



Visit our Website

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for news from Simcoe County

Vision Statement

Simcoe County, including the cities of Barrie and Orillia, will become a community of communities that will permanently sustain the social and physical well-being of all residents.

AWARE Simcoe monitors county and municipal governments for openness and accountability. We also monitor provincial policies that have impacts on our mission and vision.

Join the AWARE team and help our efforts to maintain transparency in government and to work for a sustainable future.



We're all in this together!

Seven Pillars – A Vision for Simcoe County

1. A Healthy Environment

All county communities will be sustainable with respect to, among other things, groundwater, surface water, foodland, forests, non-renewable resources, waste management, ecological functions and natural heritage.



2. Agricultural Prosperity

The county will protect its agricultural base to produce quality food to feed Ontarians and the world. Food producers will receive fair compensation for labour, assets and risk. We must maintain and enhance the agricultural enterprise in accordance with sound environment principles.

3. Development that is a Net Benefit to the Community

Current approaches to development and growth must drastically change to stop the destruction of good farmland and our natural heritage. Rapid urban growth is also increasing taxes and utility costs while bringing increased levels of congestion, pollution and resource depletion. New economic policies are urgently needed.

4. Complete Communities

Evolve our communities to provide for the health, social, educational and economic needs of their residents. Such communities will provide a variety of housing in close proximity to employment opportunities, transit, and active transportation and access to recreation and natural areas.

5. Reliable Sustainable Energy

Reliable, sustainable energy will be used as efficiently as possible; the impact of energy production and distribution on air, water, climate, and farmland resources will be minimized; the distribution system will be less centralized; and the proportion of nuclear and fossil-fuel generated energy will be reduced.

6. Awareness of the Need for Sustainability

Decision-makers and the electorate will have a clear understanding of the need for sustainable communities and lifestyles. Decision-makers will therefore be supported in implementing the sometimes challenging policies.

7. Healthy Lifestyles

Communities will be designed to support physical activity and natural heritage appreciation. Planning will support smaller lots, more parks and open spaces, vibrant town centres with shops, restaurants, workplaces and cultural centres nearby.

