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## 2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Bonnie North  
Municipality - Barrie Ward 7  
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Please return the completed questionnaire to the sender as soon as possible, but no later than October 4, 2018. **N.B: As this is a Word document, you can take as much space as you wish to respond.** The answers will be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

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1. Water is a finite resource. Do you feel there is a need to protect water, wetlands and recharge areas from development, aggregate extraction and other intrusive activities in your municipality? If so, how will you achieve this?

ANSWER

Yes. I am committed to working closely with the province and other stakeholders to create a provincial “Bluebelt” and protect our water resources.

2. Development charges never fully cover the cost of new development. Will you make sure that all costs that *should be* paid by development charges under existing legislation are covered? When considering an application, on what basis will you decide whether a development is a net benefit for the community?

ANSWER

Yes, I will ensure all costs that should be paid by development charges under existing legislation, and when considering an application, I will consult relevant community experts, non-profit organizations and community members to decide which development proposals are a net benefit to the community.

3. Do you support/oppose expansion of the Greenbelt into Simcoe County? In either case, please explain why.

ANSWER

Yes, absolutely. Our prime farmland, forests, wetlands and other sensitive ecosystems are disappearing rapidly to development. We need the ecosystem services these areas provide for food production, water and air filtration, soil health and carbon storage, storm water management, climate change mitigation, recreation, mental and physical health maintenance, and wildlife support. Once development buries or fragments these areas, their incalculable value is often permanently destroyed. We must rigorously protect, and expand, our Greenbelt.

4. Simcoe County Council chose a county forest in Springwater – zoned Agricultural – as the site for a (needed) waste handling facility, the Environmental Resource Recovery Centre. Springwater Township objected, pointing out that this is an industrial use and there are suitable properties zoned Industrial. What is your view?

ANSWER

The council should not have chosen and repurposed agricultural land for industrial use, and the wishes of the township should have been respected. An industrial site should be found to house this facility.

5. Since 1924, the Ontario Tree Seed Facility in Angus performed a vital task for the whole province of coordinating seed collection from 37 zones across the province to ensure seedlings are returned to grow in the zone to which they are uniquely suited. The Progressive Conservative government is reviewing the closing ordered by the Liberals. What is your opinion on this matter?

ANSWER

The Liberal government was wrong to order the closing of the OTSF, and the PC government should reverse the decision entirely.

6. If elected, what are your top three priorities? ANSWER

I have many priorities which are not relevant in this case, but relative to the issues covered in this survey, my top priorities are:

- (1) Supporting and protecting farmland and wilderness areas for clean air, water and food;
- (2) Ensuring smart development in response to the Greater Golden Horseshoe Plan;
- (3) Mitigating and adapting to the climate crisis.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire