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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

<u>Candidate Name:</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Connie Laughlin	Ramara	27/09/2018

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: I do believe that we need to protect our waters etc, but we also need to develop to sustain our township. We will need to work closely with the owners of these properties, to ensure that all rules are being followed. I would not like to see any more quarries come into the Township as we have well over 12 now but the Ramara Plan states we have only 8 licenced quarries this concerns me as these are not being regulated by the township council and the bylaws we have setup to protect the lands, water, wildlife and constituents. Working closely with the County of Simcoe, MNR.

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 would make myself aware of all charges that are legislated and ensure that all paperwork is complete. If the development is going to enhance our Townships Development Plan and the constituents, by offering a jobs to the local residents where able.

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

ANSWER : I have researched this and I am still not sure of my answer it has some good values but do they out way the not so good, I do not feel I have studied this enough to give an answer at this time but I am researching to educate myself.

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 : I agree Agricultural lands are needed to be protected as they feed our people, if at all possible we need to look at many different ways to handle our waste, if there is land available in the correct zoning and it will not harm our community we must be opened minded, there has to be ways to manage our waste.

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: I do believe that we need to make sure that that correct plants are growing in the right zones, this practice has been going on for almost 100 years it needs to continue.

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

ANSWER : Bringing the Township back to one not the 2 parts that have been working since amalgamation in 1994 of Rama and Mara.

Make the Township transparent in all decisions and accountable to the Tax payers as they are the ones giving use the authority to run the Township council needs to remember the constituents are our boss and we answer to them.

Review bylaws for soil dumping, concerns with attached to permits, close loop holes in all our bylaws. Control quarry growth and unlicensed quarries in the area, review permits and fees for them.

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