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## 2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Innisfil

.....Sept 21, 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?

Yes. There are a number of Provincial legislations, regulations and policies that municipalities must adhere to including but not limited to the provincial policy statement, the Clean Water Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, the Lake Simcoe Protection plan, Species at risk, natural heritage mapping. All of these policies are considered and reflected in our Official Plan.

As chair of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee, I am proud of the work we are doing to protect our drinking water from overuse and contamination.

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?

This question would have been best directed to the provincial election candidates. The Development charges act was amended years ago to take out “soft services” like town halls and cultural centres and to only allow us to collect 90 percent of hard services. The town collects the maximum allowable by the province. When considering an application, we do so based on the requirements of the planning act and whether it meets the objectives of our official plan and zoning bylaws.

We have recently included Section 37 in our official plan, which allows developers to request higher densities than our zoning bylaw allows, in turn for a community benefit. It’s a new policy for us, so we will be watching closely to see how it is received by our residents.

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

I oppose the expansion based on the mapping that I viewed at the open house that I attended. Innisfil has designated employment lands at the 400 and Innisfil Beach Road and our official plan amendment proposes a second phase of these lands straddling the 400 south to the 5<sup>th</sup> line. The current mapping showed these lands in the greenbelt expansion study. If that area adjacent to the 400 highway were greenbelted it would end our attempt to provide economic development to this area and good quality jobs to the residents of Innisfil.

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

As a Simcoe County Councillor, I have followed this process and voted in favour of the current path. The net was large and captured several hundred potential sites many of them industrial, that were vetted through a process that ended up with this site chosen as the preferred site. I’ve included a link to a FAQ that answers a lot of questions about the siting process and why this site was recommended and ultimately chosen.

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We all know that this is a needed facility and we also know that no one wants it located anywhere near them. I would also point out that the entire facility including the access road would be 12 acres and the forest property is 207 acres.

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?

Because this is not my decision to make, I have not done enough research to form an opinion.

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

Increase engagement with residents. Try to find a way to get people involved in the initial planning process. What we see too often is people reacting to issues after they have been decided instead of proactively participating in the creation. Not sure how..... But that is a goal.

Work with groups like Aware to help educate and promote environmental best management practices and try to convince buyers that they should care more about the energy efficiency of their home than they do about 9 foot ceilings. We can “make” developers build more low impact development (LID) features, but the homebuyers complain that “it’s ugly” and ask for manicured grass. We need help from groups like Aware to change the attitude of the homebuyer.

Continue my involvement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to advocate to the Provincial and Federal governments and make sure the needs of the level of the government that is closest to the people and delivers more of the services that people use every day are met.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire