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## 2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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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 agree water is a finite resource and requires protection. I will very likely support all Conservation Authority initiatives regarding water, wetlands, etc.**

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

I believe growth should pay for growth and will do my best to ensure no money available for development charges is left on the table. I will heavily rely on the professional opinion of the city planners and do my best to review all environmental impact studies provided by developers and pay attention to proposed tree removal and preservation of wetlands, etc.

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

ANSWER

That is a big question and something I will need to put more study into but at first blush I would support the Greenbelt expansion into Simcoe County. I believe farmland and water need to be protected and feel confident adequate lands for urban development would still exist.

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

Nobody wants a waste handling facility in their backyard and for that matter in their forest. There is no good place but I think it makes sense that organic waste be diverted from landfills and receive special processing. Handling of garbage will always be a struggle. Before giving a final opinion as to forest versus industrial land I would need more information about the impact organic waste has on land. I think it might even be beneficial to the forest lands and may even compost.

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 have no idea why the Liberal Government wanted to shut it down and without being able to consider that information I automatically support the reconsideration by the current Government and review of the ordered closing. After more than 90 years it is hard to understand why the value of this operation is now being questioned. Interesting.

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

ANSWER

My top three priorities are:

To be an accessible responsive representative citizens can count on.

To always do the work and only make informed decisions.

Strive for a balanced community while doing my best to hold the line on tax increases.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire