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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

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Penetanguishene

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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

I strongly believe there is a need to protect water, wetlands, aquifers, and recharge areas from development. I know that one person on council is unable to achieve any one thing, especially when it comes to by-laws and permits. I will educate myself further, and my fellow counsellors if elected, on how to best preserve and protect the most sacred of natural resources. By listening to our water stewards and protectors across the nation, and our neighboring Country, there is a lot to be learnt. There are always alternatives to development, and without the consent of the people who have shaped this Town, I will stand by each and every person who holds water in a higher regard than money.

Through policy, bylaw, education, and exploring other options, I hope we would be able protect what belongs no one person, but to all the people.

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

Due to the nature of things, everything changes, including development costs. As a team, I hope our future council works together to ensure all I's are dotted, and T's crossed when it comes to holding development businesses accountable - Quotes are quotes, and charges are charges. When considering applications for development, I will be taking into account the environmental implications, the cost of living for those who may live in the development, and the overall impact the development will have on our community - Is the project geared towards low-income, young families, seniors? Are the homes on septic, or will they tie into the Town water waste management? What does that mean for the treatment centre? Storm water? I would look to my elders, and town Staff for their input. If elected, I hope to work with the entire council to weigh what exactly a beneficial development looks like to Penetanguishene.

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

ANSWER

Absolutely! The Greenbelt is a Provincial land use plan that protects farmland, cropland, and environmentally significant land from inappropriate development. The Greenbelt is already about to expand into Collingwood and up along the western shores of Georgian Bay. Penetanguishene will benefit from the protection offered, the future generations of this town will be able to feel secure that their council will not be able to approve environmentally unstable developments, and our area would be apart of the amazing network Greenbelt is. We could rest

assured that our water supplies are being adequately protected, and celebrated, that our farmers, gardeners, fishers, hikers, frog catchers and mushroom hunters will be able to live, work and play in Penetanguishene for generations to come.

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 find it disappointing, and do understand that it was a chosen site from over 500 potential sites. I think that council made what they thought was the best decision, however, I think that the zoning being changed is a little off-putting -BUT it will be an educational site, with forested areas that is turning our trash into compost, fertilizer, and transporting other recyclables to facilities that utilize it. The site promises to maintain forested areas, and is not a landfill. I think it is an important conversation we have, with folks of all ages that our garbage production is not sustainable. Facilities like the ERRC need to exist. We put our garbage out at the road - and hopefully recycling, and green bins - without a worry of where it goes. Creating a community of limited garbage is a hope of mine, getting folks to use their green bins and recycle, and do their part in keeping green spaces, green. So that we may not have to explore the need for more facilities to deal with our trash.

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

Biodiversity is important, and necessary to ensure our forests thrive throughout our and our future generations lives. I think it is amazing that the government has these programs, however if discontinued, I

would hope that there could potentially be grants to be applied for by passionate folks who want to take their hand at leadership to ensure forests are regenerated and maintained.

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

ANSWER

Engaging youth & young adults to get involved in their community via art, environmental stewardship, gardening, education and empowerment - Getting young folks and mature folks alike to join their ideas to create inclusive community events.

Tackling our housing market and affordable housing with innovative ideas and including community members in the conversation. - This includes protecting green spaces, and finding suitable locations for development.

Protecting and preserving natural resources for generations to come.

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