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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

<u>Candidate Name:</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Date:</u>
...Rick Milne.....Alliston.....	Sept 27, 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 : Yes, there is a need to protect these vital components in our community. We have a representative on the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Association. Their aim is to protect our water, wetlands and recharge areas through existing by-laws which are examined and updated on a regular basis.

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, we will make sure the legislation rules apply. The criteria for approving development applications would be based on residential zoning, water and sewer

availability and that the development does not infringe on our wetlands and recharge areas.

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

ANSWER :Yes I support the expansion of the Greenbelt. Expansion of the Greenbelt protects and preserves our forest, wild life and wetlands and at the same time prevents urban sprawl.

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 have voted against this proposal at the county and I will continue to vote against this waste handling facility being located at this sight.

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 believe that the Ontario Tree Seed Facility in Angus should remain open. The purpose of this facility is a valuable part of our environment.

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

ANSWER : If elected the top 3 priorities will be:

- The residents of New Tecumseth
- Water
- The Environment

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Thank you for completing the *AWARE Simcoe* candidate questionnaire