



## 2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Robert Bortlisz

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Municipality

Wasaga Beach

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Date:

2018-09-21

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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 Some of the things I'm looking into and promoting are soft surface sidewalks and paths, reducing our dependence on concrete, getting more trees planted in large parking lots, ensuring ditches and culverts are well maintained.

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 This is a bit of a complicated question. Net benefit would be to ensure there is a wide variety of development suiting various needs. Development charges vary from region to region. It may be in the interest of the Town to make some trade-off like

preserving a little patch of wet land or getting one extra playground. I have not yet had the opportunity to fully review Wasaga’s development charges.

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

ANSWER Again you are looking for a clear ‘yes or no’ answer. Simcoe County may need to look into having its own green corridor as our geography varies and includes part of the Canadian shield.

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 did not think that location was the best choice.

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 am a strong supporter of sustainability, including things like seed banks, native species and natural regeneration. Facilities to enhance this are vital.

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

ANSWER Get accountability back into our local government. Investigate best practises and sustainability in all future development. Get a plan in place to achieve better maintenance and performance of existing infrastructure.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire