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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Innisfil

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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

Development must be done responsibly and strategically. Innisfil’s population is almost going to double by 2031 and Places to Grow requires we plan and build a sustainable, complete community. This means we must consider not only environmental impacts, but social and economic impacts. As Mayor, I will require Town staff to identify these impacts in reports, so that council and residents may see and understand them. I will also work to break down the bureaucratic wall at the Town so that residents have the time to make meaningful, thoughtful contributions to the discussions and also give council time to consider that input and strategically assess proposals.

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

With my experience as Finance and Administration committee in Markham – where I lived before retiring to Innisfil – I understand the development charges legislation and the need to recover as many costs as possible. As Mayor, I will freeze the Innisfil portion of the tax bill and work to freeze the county portion. For too long, Innisfil taxpayers have been paying more than they can afford. We need more industry and jobs that will carry more of the tax load. We need economic development, but we need it approached strategically. At the Town level, I will also call for an analytical approach that identifies the growth component of a proposal and requires staff to consider how to access development charge revenue to pay for it.

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

ANSWER

The time for public input on provincial discussion documents is over and now we have to wait to hear what people had to say. Protecting our drinking water as well as Lak Simcoe is important, as is providing healthy greenspaces for our residents. The province will hold open houses – and I will attend on Innisfil’s behalf. Before attending, I will ask the tough questions and strategically consider how the greenbelt expansion will benefit Innisfil residents.

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

Managing waste is a difficult job for which Simcoe County is responsible. For years, the county’s consultants have reviewed more than 100 sites and county councillors have discussed and debated this question. Having focused on Innisfil issues, I recognize I need to research, read reports and discuss the options. I will ask the probing questions and

apply strategic thinking to this question once I am elected as Innisfil mayor and as one of its voices on Simcoe County council.

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

As one of the two Innisfil voices on county council, I would advocate for a Simcoe County review. The county has forestry and environmental staff and specialists as well as intergovernmental staff who can inform county council. I would work with these specialists. I would make a thoughtful decision and urge my county council colleagues to do the same.

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

ANSWER

- Value for your taxes: Controlling spending; Getting the most from developers and builders; Stopping the InnHydro shocks to your pocketbook
- Well-built roads, streets that accommodate seniors and kids, and safe parks
- Tearing down the bureaucratic wall at the Town so you have time to think, respond and get involved.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire