



Strategic planning and needs analysis for the growth and development of the community help to ensure development needs and planning are appropriately evaluated, implemented and costed. Through work with our planning department and grass roots members of the community in alignment to our official plan will help guide the path forward for development that meets the community's needs. Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail.

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

I appreciate and respect green space and protection of environmentally sacred lands. This question is about protecting those lands and their expansion. I believe that waterways, environmental ecosystems need to be protected and that expansion of such lands is a fine balance with the need to continually grow and develop. Through public consultation and the eye to appropriate planning we can work to find a balance of both.

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?

The appropriate handling of waste and the location of such handling is a delicate topic and one that requires cautious consideration while at the same time evaluating what is best. Unfortunately, in Canada we have so much land that we take for granted our land and 'dispose' of our waste any where. The sad thing is in Europe and other advancing nations with the same challenges with waste management and not our access to lands they are able to come up with different strategies for waste management. Although a lot of progress has been made with our recycling and organics programs, perhaps we need to look at things more closely and a stronger leadership role needs to be taken for our waste management program. Example, should we be evaluating the types of packaging, etc., that is allowed in our communities. This is a difficult situation and one that requires us to look at the entire situation differently.

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?

From politicians of all stripes to unionized workforce, there have been support for this facility at different times. The work being completed is vital to our homeostasis of our ecosystem and there has been bipartisan support for the facility. Leadership at the local and county level needs to be completed along with ascertaining leadership support from AMO and associated lower tier and upper tier municipalities to save this facility and keep in within the public realm.

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

Taxes, Accountability, Transparency while working with our town staff and working to find appropriate and beneficial partners for our municipality and county.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire