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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

.....Gibb Wishart Tiny Township 21/09/2018.....

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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

We definitely need to do everything we can to protect water sources, wetlands and recharge areas. The aggregate extraction at the Teedon pit is in the wrong place a a threat to the Alliston Aquifer. As a municipality we will support any activity that will put an end to any increased water taking, we are in favour of reducing the ammount of gravel that will ultimately be removed and we will oppose any introduction of off site material being brought in to the pit to be added to the gravel. we have already spoken with The Provincial Environmental Commissioner and objected to the operation and the requested increases.

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

In Tiny the development charges are high plus out Township is not slated as a growth area by either the County or the Province, so no new Subdivisions will be forthcoming. The only development we are expecting will be within the urbanized villages in the way of secondary housing units and they will be strictly controlled.

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

ANSWER

YES - Especially in the southern areas of the county where good farm land is being overrun with development

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

Unfortunate that the Municipal interests were ignored. Makes me think of the Green Energy Act. I'm not sure why the County is forcing it to be where they have chosen - maybe they do not believe in local planning?

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

It was unfortunate that only economics were considered in the original decision. Sommeville Nurseries could only pick up a small portion of the slack. If the seed nursery were revived it would be a good thing.

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

ANSWER

Follow Tiny's Strategic Plan by being focused on the environmental effect when each decision in Council is being made.

(i) affect the operation at the Teedon Pit from it's affect on the water table and the amount of aggregate they are permitted to take out to ultimately an early closing.

(ii) Encourage Council and Staff to prepare a plan to mitigate the effects of the increased storm affects on the residents and the roads.

(iii) We need to support the efforts to fight invasive species both land based and water based - these two issues may seem insurmountable when you look at Phragmites and Grass Carp but it can be done if we band together

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