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2018 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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New Tecumseth

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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?

Water and anything that changes the water quality, groundwater security and public safety is important to protect. Recently, I tabled a motion to put in place the BMP from LSRCA for salt reduction in parking lots. This is now town policy. I will continue to find ways to implement LID (Low Impact Development) in New Tecumseth.

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?

We recently updated our Development charges after doing a Development Charges Background Study.

Most of the development that is happening has been on the books for a while. New development should focus on in-fill housing and high density. Building up, like small apartments, is the most environmental way to build as it uses up the least amount of green space.

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

I would support any legislation that protects green space. The majority of undeveloped land in our area is farmland. We need to continue to grow food in Ontario and support the farmers in whatever way we can to make farming a viable option.

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?

I do not know why the County chose the forest as a site for a waste handling facility. No one wants a dump in their area, but we need to take responsibility for the waste we produce. A property zoned Industrial seems much more responsible and with less conflicts.

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?

I'm glad that this is being reviewed. I sit on the LSRCA board and the SSSN board and both groups were opposed to closing the site as it was a valuable source of tree stock for their planting projects.

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

Increase the use of LID in our area, protect the unique character of New Tecumseth through controlled growth, close the TAC airport site from receiving fill as per our site plan agreement.

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