

Sylvia Bray/ Wasaga Beach / Deputy Mayor / Oct 2018

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?

Yes there is a need to protect water and to develop responsibly. We rely on tourism in Wasaga Beach and must protect the worlds longest freshwater beach and Nottawasaga river for future generations to enjoy.

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?

I believe growth should pay for growth and that all development should be reviewed carefully to ensure it is “fair to all”.

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

I don't know enough about this issue to answer appropriately at this time, however I do believe in conservation and look forward to learning more if elected as Deputy Mayor as I will then become a County of Simcoe Councillor.

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 have not read the reports that supported the final decision but was told the site chosen had the least impact on ALL Simcoe county residents/businesses/roads and that the process to select it had been extensive.

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 am hoping the new conservative government is reviewing the closing as I believe there is a need for government to maintain control of the seed plant which I believe to be a provincial responsibility.

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

Open & Transparent governance

Build a team at the Council table, willing to set aside personal differences & willing to work together to regain the community's respect and trust

Building an affordable, sustainable improved tourism offering at Beach 1