



2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Brent Fellman

Bradford WG

Sept 15/2022

Please return the completed questionnaire to the sender as soon as possible, but no later than September 15, 2022. The answers will then be posted on the AWARE Simcoe website.

N.B: As this is a Word document, you can take as much space as you wish to respond.

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1. AWARE Simcoe considers the preservation of farmland, the protection of water resources and natural heritage, and providing transparency and accountability in government decision making to be the primary issues of this election.

Our goal is to elect representatives who support those objectives. Do you agree with this?

Yes I support protection of farmland & water, there are essential to life.

2. 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 Wetlands & water need to be protected by the most up to date technologies for water filtration. Wetlands play an essential role in cleaning runoff so we don't want to overwhelm our wetlands with pollutants. We also need up to date environmental assessments on any new projects.

3. Ancient deposits under the Simcoe Uplands in Simcoe County's Tiny, Springwater, Oro-Medonte and Tay townships contain pristine groundwater.
This water is the purest water known to science, and is the gold standard for water worldwide, a national and global treasure.

Ongoing gravel pit extractions on French's Hill, the water recharge area, now threaten to destroy this precious water. Will you work to protect this important local resource?

Protecting groundwater is important to me and all people so I would push to protect it

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

I support designating protected areas for farming and local habitat. We need to grow responsibly.

5. What are your plans to combat climate change in your municipality?

I would support the use of non-vehicle transportation (ie. Bike lanes). Encouraging physical activity transportation is healthy for the body and reduces emissions with less car use.

6. Every municipality in Ontario is faced with row-on-row sprawl-style development, and surrounding farmland is being destructively gobbled up with little regard for future agricultural needs. Ontario is losing 319 acres of farmland every day, it needs to be protected before it's too late. We need to ensure we have the land to grow food for today and future generations. Once it's paved over, it's gone forever!

How will you protect agricultural lands within your municipality?

We need to designate our prime farmland as protected for natural food production (non-GMO) only. This may require subsidies to the farmers who farm this land.

7. Simcoe County Council chose a county forest in Springwater Twp – zoned Agricultural, as the site for a (much needed) waste handling facility, the Environmental Resource Recovery Centre (ERRC). Many residents in Simcoe County objected to this location, pointing out that this is an industrial use and there are suitable properties zoned Industrial where the facility should be built. What is your view?

If there are other suitable locations in Industrial areas, I would prefer to have this in those areas.

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

1. Ensure our finances are managed responsibly

2. Creation new community facilities for recreation & community building (ie. Public beach along the river, outdoor ice rink)

3. Protect our farmers, farmland and businesses abilities to earn, build and create.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.