



## 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Wasaga

September 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?

ANSWER

I absolutely agree with the need to elect those that support these objectives. We need to consider our environment and our impact on it in every decision we make, even if it adds to our bill.

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?

ANSWER

Yes there is a definite need to protect our environment. We can do this by focussing on vertical development instead of constant sprawl.

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?

ANSWER

If elected I would definitely do the research that would enable me to best answer this question. I am committed to our environment and do not want to see it pillaged.

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

ANSWER

I have no issue with the Greenbelt expanding if it brings with it specific conditions that enable proper, environmentally conscious development.

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

ANSWER

The technology is out there that would allow us to stop being captive to fossil fuels. I would also like to explore the creation of many micro forests in our parks and town land.

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?

ANSWER

I believe that we need to develop vertically. Ultimately it's the farmers land to sell. I would examine other municipalities that have had success maintaining their agricultural land and see if their ideas/programs lend themselves to our situation.

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?

ANSWER

We will constantly be faced with NIMBY. If the research has been done and communication effective I would be bound to it. If it hasn't then I would definitely explore what can be done.

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

ANSWER

1. Street Safety (Decrease speeding and failure to stops).
2. Affordable housing.
3. Getting rid of the user pay model of public recreation.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.