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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Connie (Carrick)Laughlin

Municipality RAMARA

Date: August 30 2022

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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

Yes I agree farm and water are a needed part of our Township. Mostly must be accountable and transparent so all to and can be viewed but the constituents.

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?

Our lands and water need to be protected and maintained. If so, how will you achieve this? Enforce all bylaws for wetlands and a heavy watch on quarries.

ANSWER

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 Working with all bylaws and the quarries to preserve our lands and water.

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

ANSWER i am not sure what the correct answer is , alot of Ramara is farmland, and or wetland i would really have to review all the information about it to give a correct response.

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

ANSWER Protect the wetlands, farm land and water ways. Work with the people and industries to ensure we are doing our part.

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 try and work with the farmers to continue to farm, and the developers to limit the amount of land that has to be untouched.

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 Yes i agree we should not be using Agricultural lands when there are areas zones set aside for development.

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

ANSWER

1. Accountability, transparency, communication to all constituents
2. Not selling road allowances open or closed off.
3. working to improve the roads.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.