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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Dave Brunelle

Tiny

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

Absolutely agree!

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. We need to work with partners such as Severn Sound Environmental Association to help guide us through our decision making process with a focus on environmental impact.

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

Yes. I believe the Township should oppose any new application for aggregate operations, or expansion of existing operations, until there's evidence put forward that shows no possible way for their pit operations to negatively impact the water supply.

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

ANSWER

I support expansion if this is the way to protect our environment, water and wildlife.

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

ANSWER

I want to promote knowledge and understanding of climate change, which is a global issue, in forming climate policy. Climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific.

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

If in the next 30 years, the township continues at an annual population growth rate of 2.2% as it has been in the last 20 years, there are several existing and proposed housing developments currently underway that will accommodate the growth. I will also be a proponent for expansion of agriculture programs in our community.

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

Without knowing the reasoning behind this decision, I would recommend using industrial areas only.

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

ANSWER

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.