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## 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Adjala-Tosorontio

September 15th 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 : Yes Farmland is vital to our community and county. As the world evolves so has the way we see farmland and its no longer just a source of food, it controls flooding, protects wetlands in areas, provides cover for wildlife and provides the area a very healthy air quality. More recently as farmers farm their land they also see new crops being grown to produce energy which has the potential to replace fossil fuels.

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

This is achieved through our Official Plan document which is currently one of the first things the new term of council will be tasked with. My obligation and belief to my community is to ensure that efficient and sustainable use of water resources and policies to protect our water, wetlands and high recharge areas from further growth, expanded aggregate extraction and any other intrusive activity that would jeopardize this

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

Water means life and must be protected! The Federal government must be pressured to use the Canada Water Act to protect these pristine waters as an advocate for clean water I will continue to support protection with every opportunity. Aggregate occurs throughout Ontario and pristine water only occurs here we must continue the path of preserving this forever.

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

ANSWER : YES

I 100% support the expansion of the greenbelt especially for the community I represent Adjala-Tosorontio as it is one of the gateways to Simcoe County. We must work towards sustaining what we have to protect the environment, forests, wetlands, waterways and natural wildlife habitats to sustain a healthy community, county and province. Paving over everything is not my answer!

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

ANSWER

Be a part of the solution ! "Communicate/Educate" Inspire residents by doing-creating community driven projects , working with agencies such as yourself, NVCA, Simcoe Streams on info sessions, working groups, community initiatives to engage residents to "do" and be a part of the movement of change.

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 : The Official Plan/Zoning by-law review that the new term of council will have in front of them with the public right out of the gate is vital to the protection of our farmlands for present and future generations. We are a rural municipality and the desire by the residents and myself is very strong to maintain that!

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

I have never supported this location and still today cannot believe this was allowed to proceed! I stand to lobby that legislation needs to be enhanced to include the protection of our forests, wetlands, waterways ,schools from and

all future ERRC facilities in our county. Looking to other countries to create better ways of incinerating waste and reducing our carbon footprint is far more progressive and creates new industries in our county and township moving forward.

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

ANSWER

1. Official Plan/Public Meeting Review and finalization

2. Governance/Leadership-- setting the direction forward and holding accountability

3. Creating Healthy Community/County that is environmentally sustainable and socially and fiscally responsible

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.