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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Faye Ego

Wasaga Beach

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 Yes

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. I'm very aware of and have used the precious and pure water from the site in Elmvale. Water is a common heritage and a fundamental human right essential to life. It should be preserved and made accessible to all, today and in the future.

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?

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4. Do you support/oppose expansion of the Greenbelt into Simcoe County?

In either case, please explain why.

ANSWER I cannot speak for all of Simcoe County; however we are not designated as a Primary Settlement Area. Therefore I support the expansion of the Greenbelt into the Town of Wasaga Beach.

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

ANSWER Recently council recommended the setting up of a Climate Advisory Committee be handled by a new council. If I should be elected I look forward to reading that report and strongly support such a committee. When new staff is required in our planning and building departments it would be wise to search for candidates with accreditation in climate change and green building. There should be open dialogue and engagement with students, and public as we all strive to raise awareness and achieve tangible results for the health of our community.

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 Wasaga Beach does not have agricultural lands.

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 am not familiar with this, so cannot comment at this time.

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

ANSWER

1. Pubic involvement in The Beach and Main Street development plans
2. Revitalizing tourism & supporting local business, to lighten the tax burden on the residential tax. Work to bring back the walk-in medical clinic.
3. Open council meetings allowing residents to have a say in the development of their town.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.