



## 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Henry Sander

Essa Township

September 27, 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 I 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 there is a need to protect water, wetlands and recharge areas. Appropriate studies which are peer reviewed would be required for applications.

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

The municipalities noted above would need to deal with any applications.

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

ANSWER

Further information and research would be required before an opinion could be given.

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

ANSWER

Education continues to be a strong way to help with climate change. Promoting to shop local, encouraging people to walk or cycle, planting of trees in addition to looking at hybrid vehicles where possible for municipal use and any new municipal building being built to the new energy efficient standards would help with climate 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

I believe the best way to protect agricultural lands is to have the lands correctly classified in the Official Plan.

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

Our County of Simcoe representatives would be better suited to comment based on the info that they have received.

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

ANSWER

1. To put in place some long term financial plans in Essa.
2. To find ways of improving the Community Continuity with respect to municipal staffing.
3. To ensure that Essa remains financially sustainable.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.