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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

...Hogan Courier.....

.....Wasaga Beach

.....Aug 29th 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

100% 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

Absolutely, YES!

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

As a Pristine water drinker out of Elmvale, you can count on my support!

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

ANSWER

In all honesty, I would need to do a substantial amount of research and query our local citizens to obtain an answer to this question.

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

ANSWER

Wasaga Beach is 2 years behind in Climate Change agenda, sourced from Wasaga Climate Action Team. Council needs to work with this organization and others that have the protection of our Environment in future years to come.

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

Municipalities can support agricultural economic development through: I. land use planning, II. property assessment and taxation, III. financial incentives and reduced costs, IV. community and regional food planning, and V. consultation with the farming 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

At this time I do not have enough information to give a qualified answer, I will tell you that I will start looking into this and would be happy to answer once I familiarize myself with all the details surrounding this issue.

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

ANSWER

1. Helping to create a unification of our Council and Town.
2. A much needed High School for our children.
3. Bring back our Medical Centre and attract Doctors to our community.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.

