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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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SEPT 28th, 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, one of my main points is transparency & accountability of municipal gov't (and all levels of gov't).

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

I stand for the protection of Lake Simcoe & the immediate surrounding area; including agricultural lands and I believe that decisions made impacting the lands & waters should include the first nations community that represent said territory.

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

I agree that I will continue to advocate against these Gravel Pits as I believe the protect of our waters is not only important; it's a crisis that should not be ignored before the effects can not be reversed or at least slowed significantly. My family has been using the natural spring in Elmvale for decades and I use it myself today.

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

ANSWER

I support expansion of the Greenbelt. Our children and grandchildren's future depend on the choices we make today. We need to start living in a society that is forward thinking and not just living in the now. Expansion of the Greenbelt would ensure protection of the environment in the surrounding areas.

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

ANSWER

- Host public panel discussions about climate change and ways residents can help reduce their impact.

- Suggest bylaws to be voted on that are in line with protection of wetlands, shorelines and surrounding areas.

- Revisit and re-asses zoning to meet environmental standards for the future

- Ensure council is fully involved in decisions being made and ensure bylaws are enforced to help reduce impact by growth.

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

- By purchasing public lands and having them zoned for agricultural lands and protected against future building.
- By limiting growth to areas that already have amenities and land use.
- By growing UP and not OUT to prevent further takeover of 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

A council that voted in favour of an industrial project to be placed in an agricultural zone and in a forest (that I assume will be cleared to make way for the plant) needs to be held accountable for their actions by the ethics committee. We have come to notice that decisions by the few seem to be made in favour of those with money and not in favour of those they are intended to serve. This is what needs to change.

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

ANSWER

1. Fiscal Responsibility, Transparency & Accountability of council
2. Protection of Lake Simcoe & immediate surrounding areas
3. Strategic planning to develop proper transit to connect Innisfil

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.