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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: James Dalzell Municipality Penetanguishene Date: 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 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 I do feel there is a need to protect the water and wetlands. I am very much committed to do everything in my power to preserve our planet as much as possible. I know there are many factors that go into this and a lot out of my control but my goal is to help maintain and preserve as much as possible. Helping care for our environment is a strong focus of mine.

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

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

ANSWER I do support the Greenbelt expansion into Simcoe County the preservation of farmlands and other forestry is important.

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

ANSWER I think there could be some great incentives to help combat climate change. Limiting our carbon footprint needs to be something that is looked at more closely. If we were able to offer tax breaks or rebates for people to make a conscious effort to go green it could really make a difference. Going to solar electricity, electric cars... Not a fully developed plan but I believe that there could be a number of ways to incentivify green movements.

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 will work to create some "no build zones" and do my part to protect certain land from being developed. We need to make sure we have at least some farmland preserved.

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 If there was suitable properties zoned Industrial where the facility should be built that would be where I would side on locating the Recovery Centre.

8. If elected, what are your top three priorities

ANSWER

1. Maintaining the integrity of the town. Penetanguishene has such a rich history and beautiful landscape. I'd like to help stimulate and grow the economy without disrupting what makes the town so unique. I would like to help bring in more festivals and community events. This town used to have a number of great events

that would bring in crowds. Revitalising the downtown has been a work in progress but there is still a long way to go.

2. Lack of police presence has been an ongoing concern I have heard voiced by many citizens. This is an issue that I would like to address and work towards. Helping the community feel safe in their neighbourhood is something I will strive for.
3. Our town has lost a number of great buildings and locations over the last few decades. I would like to help bring back some of the things that brought people into the town and coming back. There are a lot of things that are out of my control but I will fight to get the Town of Penetanguishene back on the map and be the voice of those that don't believe they are being heard.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.