



## 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Sept 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?

***Viable farmland should be protected. Beyond growing food, farmlands help to protect water ways and wetlands, wildlife and provide flood control. We also need to encourage farmers to continue to work the land.***

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?

***All water and wetland areas should be protected. Any development or building initiatives should have a green component to the application. I will encourage the hiring of an engineer specializing in Sustainable and Renewable Energy Engineering.***

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?

***I would support initiatives that put an end to aggregate extractions in all areas that supply essential resources like water. We need to protect clean water sources.***

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

***I would support expansion of the Greenbelt into Simcoe County with the caveat that there needs to be balance between growth and protection.***

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

***I would encourage and support alternative energy initiatives in Township operations. We have to lead by example. I would like to see a green component in building applications to increase awareness with residents and developers.***

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?

***In order for farmland to be useful for food growth, we need to have the farmers to work the land. Viable farmland needs to be protected as if it was greenspace. We also need to consider the economic component of farming and the contribution our area farmers contribute to the global market. I would prefer smaller communities that can support itself with its resources (ie water), than see urban sprawl.***

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?

***Areas zoned agricultural and green should not be utilized for waste water treatment.***

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

ANSWER

***1. Improving our roads and make our communities safe and accessible for people of all abilities.***

**2. Find alternative sources of revenue or ways to reduce costs to relieve tax burden in the future.**

**3. Future development and projects are environmentally responsible, protect local resources and infrastructure.**

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.