



## 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Innisfil

September 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?

Answer: I do agree, that preservation and protection of Innisfil's farmland and water resources through transparency and accountability are key.

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: There is a need to not only protect the water but as well to maintain the health of wetlands and recharge areas. I feel we need to monitor development, aggregate extraction carefully and aim to instil mindfulness in intrusive activities ... one solution would be funding and support for the South Simcoe Streams Network, they have the role of caretaker and have been doing a fabulous job.

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, I will work to protect that pristine groundwater, which I have stopped and enjoyed many times.

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

ANSWER: I can tell you every time I read about the expansion; Red Flares goes off ... it truly sounds like it hasn't been thought the entire way through. I would like to research it a bit more before commenting further.

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

ANSWER — Unfortunately, Innisfil is still a commuter town. It is spread out, with most residents working outside of the area. The need for a car can't be disputed, but when at home, adopting non-auto travel initiatives like bike lanes: cycling, walking: sidewalks and the future Go Train, emissions — can be reduced, removed or avoided, improving the quality of life.

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 – Innisfil has already adopted a grow up versus grow out policy to protect farmland.

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 – This is easy – use the suitable properties for industrial use that is already zoned.

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

ANSWER

1. Taking care of the concerns of the Ward I hope to be voted into — Ward 5

2. Work towards a Creative Economy, 'growing' underappreciated revenue streams in the arts, music, theatre, sports events, and festival by creating opportunities for funding: strengthening cultural diversity and tourism.

3. Being part of the solution to Improve the Quality of Life in Innisfil.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.