



2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Lindsay Duquette

Municipality Penetanguishene

Date: September 14,2022

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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

Farmland as well as our water and other natural resources are vital to our communities and our planet. They absolutely need to be protected. We need to ensure that our growth does not affect our natural resources and instead enhances them. Complete transparency and full accountability are traits I believe are needed in council. A good relationship is built on trust. I want the people of this community to put their trust in me.

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

The conservation of wetlands is a personal passion for me. I volunteer my time with the Wye Marsh currently to do my part in their conservation. While we take things from the Earth we need to be certain we are also giving back. I'd like to create a Sustainable Living

Initiative that would address keeping our community green. Giving back in new and innovative ways.

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 While this area is not in my riding, I would be more than willing to assist these fellow communities and lend my time to them to help ensure their water is protected.

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

ANSWER I feel that expanding the Greenbelt into Simcoe County would be beneficial to protecting our farmlands and water supplies. However, this is only possible if the expansion covers a vast area. They need to consider the smaller more rural areas in which most of our natural springs are located.

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

ANSWER I would like to introduce a Sustainable Living Initiative to Penetanguishene. This would include climate change measures such as the use of renewable energy sources, urban agriculture and creating more green spaces.

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

Our towns agricultural properties are mostly on the outside of town. I would not see any need to impose on the land. I would like to provide them with incentives to continue

growing and providing for our community. I don't wish to take that away, I hope to help it flourish.

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 Our forests should not be used for anything other than what nature has intended. Any buildings should be built in an area already zoned for there use. We are already pushing so much wildlife out of their natural habitats. There is absolutely no need to take away from the Simcoe County Forests.

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

ANSWER

1. Expanding on recreation and affordable programs in our community
2. Creating a Sustainable Living Initiative to help tackle agriculture, affordable housing and the preservation of our natural resources
3. Improving on our infrastructure, ensuring proper repair and replacement of our roadways and sidewalks.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.