



2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Lisa Maxwell

Ward 6, Innisfil

September 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, we need to support and increase natural heritage within built up areas to mitigate and adapt to climate change, prevent flooding and support existing grey infrastructure.

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

**Yes, pass a resolution to support a moratorium on new gravel mining approvals.
The pause will give us time to prioritize the uses of recycled aggregate,**

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, support the petition e-3867, appeal permits – The Canadian Environmental Law Association. Removing the gravel, sand, soil and vegetation on French's Hill reduced the effectiveness of the filter. Keep the water pure!

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

ANSWER

No - Salt & phosphorous levels are increasing in Lake Simcoe.

No – damage would occur to existing Greenbelt; we need to build affordable communities rather than sprawling into forests and wetlands. Our water supply is threatened.

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

ANSWER

Establish a Climate Action Citizen Advisory Committee to help mitigate and prepare for a changing climate.

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

• Protect existing farmland • Create and invest in community food programs, roof top gardens • Food security priority in community

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

I feel that building our own ERRC helps to control costs and reduce waste disposal. It is not a landfill which is preferred.

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

ANSWER

1. Healthy Environment and Lifestyle

2. Agricultural Prosperity

3. Bringing Employment Home

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.