



2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

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Essa Township Ward1/Angus

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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?

Absolutely!

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?

Yes, all future development and activities and the data to support them need to thoroughly reviewed for impact and reflect what our residents need and want for the future. Also, please see question/answer #6

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?

As an Essa Councillor I will not have a seat or a vote at County Council, I will though fully support our Mayor and Deputy Mayor to move forward with whatever needs to be done to protect our drinking water for future generations.

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

I would need to see more details on this proposal before taking a firm stance on it.

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

I think we need to focus on having all new builds and renovations completed to a high level of energy efficiency. Future parks, schools and developments should be located and designed to encourage walking and biking. In Angus, I would like to see some vital links completed in our internal trail system to tie-in the whole town and link to the future County rail trail to Stayner.

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?

I will not support any expansion of the Angus settlement area boundary beyond the mapping limits of the current Ward 1.

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?

As a Councillor I will not have a seat on County Council or a vote on issues like this. If there is a suitable industrial site with a lower environmental impact and no loss of farm land, with all other thing being equal that would be my personal preference.

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

ANSWER

- 1. Smart management of future development and infrastructure.
- 2.Stewardship of environment and farmland for future generations.
- 3.Road and community safety.
- 4.Working with province, school board and local trustee to get a new elementary school built on the 5th Line.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.