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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

FLOYD PINTO

Municipality

TOWNSHIP OF ADJALA TOSORONTIO

Date:

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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 : YES. Without our farmlands we will have no food which will result higher food prices and increased poverty. With climate change we have to protect our water resources. There is a serious problem with accountability and transparency when residents can get no access to documents and council approving projects without seeing the documents. All documents that council approves should be made public for full accountability and transparency. We are elected by the residents to be their voice.

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. Protecting our water, wetlands and recharge areas projects our ecology and helps with reducing climate change. We have to look into more use of recycled material for construction projects as done in Europe and reduce our dependence on 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. Areas that have pristine ground water should not be allowed to be extracted as if the extraction goes below the water table it can destroy the entire aquifer.

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

ANSWER : I support the expansion of the Greenbelt. We have to protect our environment, our forest, wetlands etc. this helps reduce climate change.

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

ANSWER : We have to encourage planting of trees, expand green lands, control urban sprawl. We have to REDUCE, RECYCLE and REUSE

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 farmlands have to be protected from development, as if we have no farmlands we have no food. NO FARMERS NO FOOD. The latest Municipal Comprehensive Review at the County of Simcoe protects our township farmlands, increases Greenlands. We are an agricultural community and I plan continue to help our farmers and protect our farmlands for our future generations

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 strongly oppose converting forest into waste handling facilities. However, this project was already approved. Going forward to avoid this happening again we as a county must look into incinerators where garbage can be burnt and the steam generated can be used for industries thereby reducing landfills, and at the same time reducing climate change.

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

ANSWER

1. Updating and replacing our township infrastructure.
2. Keeping taxes affordable, addressing homelessness and housing affordability
3. Protecting our environment and addressing climate change

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.