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2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Sylvia Bray

Wasaga

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

Yes, I believe transparency and accountability are necessary in all government decision making and believe there are many important issues in the current election including those listed above.

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. Official plan policies and zoning bylaws can be used to protect water, wetlands and recharge areas. Development approvals for these areas would then need NVCA approvals to move forward.

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

I am always willing to listen and learn with an overall belief we all need to work together to protect our environment not only for today but for future generations.

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

ANSWER

I support an expansion of the Greenbelt into Simcoe County as I believe it is important to protect the greenbelt and additional urban river valleys.

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

ANSWER

My 2022 election platform includes the development of a Climate Action Plan and I recently championed the inclusion of an environmental sustainability lens in all municipal business transactions managed through the towns procurement policy.

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

We are updating our Official Plan (which does not contain much agricultural land) however we do have thousands of acres of Ontario Parks protected lands with our town boundary.

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

The ERRC is a much needed facility in Simcoe County. As local landfill sights reach capacity we must find better ways to manage our waste in our community. Previous County Council conducted an extensive review of many proposed sites and a 32 member Council made the decision for the current site. I respect they made the best decision with the information presented to them and support the development of the ERRC moving forward as we need the facility.

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

ANSWER

- 1. Protect Beach Area 2, through zoning, and preserve it as parkland for future generations of residents to have access to Wasaga Beach*
- 2. Community Safety including speed mitigation strategies, increased sidewalks, bikes lanes, etc.*
- 3. Increased investment in community parks*

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.