



2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Tanya Snell

Wasaga Beach

August 31st 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 100%

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 - As an example of one idea, I would like to better understand and work with the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority to explore what “filters” or “catch alls” can be installed to prevent garbage from going into the river from our runoff water.

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, I would support that. As a Deputy Mayor, you also sit on County Council - which is where this decision would happen.

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

ANSWER - I feel that we should be protecting and preserving our green belt. I would like to better understand it's footprint and explore how expansion could be implemented and how it would relate to designated development lands.

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

ANSWER - I will support the striking of a climate action committee that provides recommendations and advises council on strategies to begin to complete the steps to get Wasaga Beach caught up to other municipalities in our region as it relates to reducing our carbon footprint. I would also request that this committee is comprised of 1/3 youth ages 12 - 23 years old, because they are our leaders of tomorrow.

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 don't have any agricultural land.

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 agree, although central location for ease of access needs to also be considered as well as selecting a site that the County owns.

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

ANSWER

1. To work with Council to attract service resources to our community such as a walk in clinic, counselling and addiction services etc
2. To work with Council to support the downtown development plan, which will increase commercial space (taxes) and offer diversified housing for our residents
3. To revitalise our tourism industry to support our economic development

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.