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## 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality

Date:

Wayne Noye

New Tecumseth

Sept 9, 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

In theory those are very noble concerns you ask me to discuss. There is no simple answer. I do support effective use of farmlands, water resources and natural heritage. I make my decisions today; on the professional information I receive from those who are considered experts in the fields of information transfer. They have the training and years of experience that will guide my decisions.

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

I feel that it is very important to protect our water resources. For this reason, I would expect all major developments to include detailed expert studies conducted by professionals and to have those reports peer reviewed to ensure that our water resources are protected. It's not enough to just try to close the door on development of any kind, because it is important that we acknowledge that further development will happen. We have to ensure that any proposed development will be done correctly through proper leadership and management.

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 do understand the concern for water supply in Simcoe County. This natural resource must be protected. The Collingwood pipeline which is the main supply of water to New Tecumseth is a very key issue as it protects some of the ground water in our area. I have been a strong supporter of the pipeline and the new upgrades which take place in 2026.

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

ANSWER

The Greenbelt should reflect sensitive areas next to the GTA which include parts of the Oak Ridges Moraine. The boundaries of the Greenbelt should be adjusted to better protect sensitive areas but not just as an arbitrary means of entirely stopping growth in Simcoe County. Growth in a controlled and wise method will be necessary to provide affordable housing and to allow our current and future generations to thrive here, and there is no reason why we can't adjust the Greenbelt to better protect what makes our area so special.

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

ANSWER

Climate change is a very key issue within our climate. I rely on the experts to keep all our residents on new updates and it's up to the individual to make these changes happen for the better of our 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

The first question we must ask, is why the provincial government wants growth in the Simcoe County area, which uses a large portion of our farmland. They promote this growth with no funds available to infrastructure which puts the municipality in need.

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

We need to do the best that we can to address the waste that we produce in Simcoe County and we need to do this efficiently and effectively. This means that we should be implementing our own waste diversion facility. Our County forests were originally created as a form of environmental stewardship. I understand that the waste diversion facility will have a small footprint in a County forest but will have a huge impact in helping to preserve our environment in innovative ways. It seems fitting that we should support the County in moving forward in new ways of environmental stewardship through the better use of a piece of centrally located County land which has already been allocated to an earlier form of environmental stewardship.

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

ANSWER

- 1. Very “effective use” of all New Tecumseth tax income including people and buildings/equipment.
- 2. Working together for all of New Tecumseth to create harmony and that sense of : this is my home. Be hometown proud.
- 3. BALANCE IN ALL DECISIONS. Listen and respect those that advise me, experts, staff and public.

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Thank you for completing the AWARE Simcoe candidate questionnaire.