



## Springwater Township – Candidate Questionnaire 2014

We hope that, as a candidate for Springwater Council, you will take the time to complete the following survey. Please return no later than **Monday, September 22nd at 4 pm**. Your responses will help us determine who to recommend to our many supporters, both in Midhurst and the Township at large, for each contested seat on Council. Answers will be rated according to our organizational values. The names of our chosen candidates, together with comments from the MRA board, will be published in the Springwater News. All completed questionnaires will appear on our website after the deadline has passed. Those not received by the deadline will be listed as “no response”. Thank you in advance for your time and your participation.

### Platform

What do you believe should be the **top 5 priorities** for Council? *(in order of priority)*

1. Stopping the MSP and redoing the plan, meeting the PPS and PTG policies for population
2. Expanding opportunity for engagement of public, back to 2 council meetings and expanded Q period
3. Reduce unnecessary spending focusing on “need to have” rather than “nice to have” approach
4. Focus on economic development and bring ag related businesses to Springwater
5. Protect natural environment-Minesing Wetlands and Springwater Park

What steps do you intend to take or recommend to council in order to achieve **NUMBER 1**?

### Transparency and Accountability

	YES	NO
1. Are you in favour of appointing the Ontario Ombudsman to oversee Springwater Council?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you agree with the following improvements to council meetings?		
a) More frequent council meetings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Question Periods that are not limited to the agenda?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Later start times to improve public accessibility?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Publishing agendas one full week in advance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Mandatory Question Period for Special meetings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) All questions asked during Question Period to be recorded in full, answered in a timely manner either orally or in writing and placed on the public record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you support requiring elected representatives to keep their constituents regularly informed via email, newspaper articles, town halls and/or social media?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are you in favour of NVCA board representatives providing monthly reports to council on decisions and actions of the NVCA board, with such reports to be placed on the public record?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Growth & Development

	YES	NO
1. If elected, with regard to the Midhurst Secondary Plan, will you support:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Stopping it in its current form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Lobbying the provincial government to rescind the special rule?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Lobbying the provincial government to help stop the MSP?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Creating a new plan that puts farmland and source water protection first?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Helping to establish a moratorium on the MSP until all financial and environmental studies have been completed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If elected, will you support the following measures to manage development:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. Extra levies or charges to make growth pay for growth?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Establishing a Planning Committee to oversee and guide the work of the Planning and Public Works departments? <b>Setting clear policies Yes, micro managing No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Ensuring future development prioritizes farmland preservation and source water protection?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Creating master plans for heritage areas, areas of archeological significance and key agricultural hubs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Environmental Responsibility & Agriculture

	YES	NO
1. Do you think Springwater is doing enough to protect and enhance its natural environment? <b>Comments:</b> Needs to be special policy protecting Minesing Wetlands and a coordinating role in reopening Springwater Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you support making Springwater Township a "Food and Water First" township?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are you satisfied that Springwater is doing enough to preserve its farmland from development? <b>Comments: The focus seems to be on residential growth and false impression that the DC's and extra taxes will provide a bonanza for Springwater which has been proven false by every fast growing community</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Leadership and Governance

	YES	NO
1. Do you support independent peer reviews, paid for by Springwater, of all reports critical to strategic planning? <b>Comments: I would suggest a policy be established with specific criteria of what should be peer reviewed as on the surface it sounds fine but it may create unnecessary burden and costs to the residents with no benefit.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are you in favour of establishing a Finance Committee comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and/or Councillors to oversee and guide the work of senior staff? <b>Set policies yes, babysit and micro manage no.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> X
3. Are you in favour of establishing a Planning Committee comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and/or Councillors to oversee and guide the work of the Planning and Public Works departments? <b>Same answer as above.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> X
4. Are you in favour of establishing a lobby registry? <b>Unnecessary expensive bureaucratic nightmare as lobbying has still to be properly defined at Federal and Provincial level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X
5. Does your campaign accept union or corporate donations? <b>Will accept small independent business donations but not from developers, large township suppliers or their agents</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional Comments:**

**Name: Bill French Candidate for Mayor**