



## 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. Taxes and Spending
2. Review development charges again
3. Moratorium on MSP until studies have been done
4. Look towards the Environmental Assessment (Review 4. And 5. to help determine the outcome of the Midhurst Secondary Plan)
5. Look towards the Financial Study

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

Start early at the budget for 2015

### 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Growth & Development

	YES	NO
1. If elected, with regard to the Midhurst Secondary Plan, will you support: <b>Undecided on the following MSP questions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Stopping it in its current form?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Lobbying the provincial government to rescind the special rule?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Lobbying the provincial government to help stop the MSP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Creating a new plan that puts farmland and source water protection first?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Helping to establish a moratorium on the MSP until all financial and environmental studies have been completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If elected, will you support the following measures to manage development:	<input checked="" 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:</b> Except for Midhurst, we could do better!	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are you in favour of establishing a lobby registry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does your campaign accept union or corporate donations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Additional Comments:**

**Name: Perry Ritchie, Ward 2 Incumbent**