



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. Growth management
2. Infrastructure & Financial Management
3. Community Development
4. Performance Measurements tied to deliverables
5. Recognition/support Volunteers

What steps do you intend to take or recommend to council in order to achieve **NUMBER 1**? Maintain the Township lead in all development ,as we have done.

Transparency and Accountability

	YES	NO
1. Are you in favour of appointing the Ontario Ombudsman to oversee Springwater Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you agree with the following improvements to council meetings?		
a) More frequent council meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Question Periods that are not limited to the agenda?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Later start times to improve public accessibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Publishing agendas one full week in advance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Mandatory Question Period for Special meetings?	<input 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

These are council decisions....many changes have happened in favour of best use of staff time & expedition of business.

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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. Extra levies or charges to make growth pay for growth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Establishing a Planning Committee to oversee and guide the work of the Planning and Public Works departments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Ensuring future development prioritizes farmland preservation and source water protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Creating master plans for heritage areas, areas of archeological significance and key agricultural hubs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Rules and Policies around Planning(PPS,Planning Act,Places to Grow,Simcoe County OP.Springwater OP and MSP) will continue to govern us.Environmental Protection is a key pillar.

Environmental Responsibility & Agriculture

	YES	NO
1. Do you think Springwater is doing enough to protect and enhance its natural environment? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you support making Springwater Township a “Food and Water First” township?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are you satisfied that Springwater is doing enough to preserve its farmland from development? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

We continue to follow our OP and respect settlement areas as such.

Our highest pledge is our Oath of Office.

Leadership and Governance

	YES	NO
1. Do you support independent peer reviews, paid for by Springwater, of all reports critical to strategic planning? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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?	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are you in favour of establishing a lobby registry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does your campaign accept union or corporate donations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments:Micro-Managing is not required .

I have self-funded all 3 of my campaigns and NEVER accepted donations.

Name: Linda Collins