

## MC2 Questionnaire

1. I have served as your mayor for the past eight years and I feel I still have more to offer the township. Now, more than ever, we will need strength and stability with all of the changes in store for Mulmur – we have a new CAO and after the election, we will have three brand new councillors. County Council will also be made up of at least 50% new members. I feel I have the knowledge, experience, and time to see us through this transition. Serving as Warden this year has provided me with the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other Mayors across the region. It is a network that I have found very valuable. If re-elected, I will continue to ensure that Mulmur maintains its unique rural character; I have a steadfast commitment to farmland protection. My fulltime job will be to represent of ratepayers of Mulmur at our own Council and County Council.
2. No, but to reduce our tax burden, I will work to increase our commercial base in carefully targeted areas like the Primrose Business Park. Presently, there are very few in-fill lots available for development in the hamlets.
3. In order to keep taxes stable and still maintain our services, we have increased our reserves and invested this money (interest this year was approximately \$30,000) in the hope that when work has to be done we will not have to borrow to complete projects. We have also installed solar panels on the roofs of the township buildings. These panels generate approximately \$40,000/year in revenue.
4. Unfortunately, aggregate is a much-needed commodity. Mulmur maintains its own aggregate pit for our own use and I will do everything in my power to prevent further development of pits in our community. I will, whenever and wherever possible, lobby the provincial government agencies against expansion of aggregate mining in our area.
5. Ground water is most definitely our most important resource. Mulmur works closely with the NVCA and Source Water Protection to protect our ground water. Under my leadership, we will be diligent in preventing Bottling Companies from setting up shop here.
6. Noise pollution has been an ongoing problem. Motorcycles, ATV's, gravel trucks, cattle haulers are using our road system at an ever-increasing rate. The speed with which they travel our roads adds to the noise pollution. We are constantly looking for solutions- signage, electronic speed indicators, increased police presence. While out campaigning on Sunday, an OPP officer stopped to tell me that had had ticketed 15 speeders that morning: I am hopeful that this will make our roads safer and restore some of our peacefulness. At conferences and Warden caucuses, I seek out solutions that other communities have used successfully.
7. Fill dumping is a very serious issue. We have a fill dumping by law in place and keep in touch with other Municipalities, such as Durham County, who are experiencing the same problem. We

are vigilant in watching for these dumpings and act to ensure that rules and regulations are followed.

8. I believe we are doing everything we can! Council agendas are posted on line with full information on Business of the Day, delegations, committee dates. Agenda and Committee minutes are posted as well. We also have compiled an email list of residents who wish to receive notification of meetings, events and happenings. If you are not on this list and wish to be, please contact the office at 705-466-3341. At the beginning of each term, interested residents are invited to submit their application for any committee on which they would like to serve. I fully support town hall meetings and if re-elected I would see that they continue. It is my belief that our Council is very transparent, but if you have suggestions and or ideas I urge you to share them with me.
9. During my first term as Mayor, I initiated the Code of Conduct for Council Members; I believe we were the first municipality in the County to do so. It has served as well thus far.
10. To me, it is important that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor vote the will of Mulmur Council. If there is a conflict with County over needs and priorities, I will work to find common ground, but ultimately must serve Mulmur.