

MONO MULMUR CITIZENS' COALITION SEPT. 16, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES

From Earl Hawkins

1. Why are you running for office? What vision for our community drives your participation in municipal politics? What do you think you can contribute to our municipality?
 - I am running for office because I am dedicated to promoting the well-being of Mulmur Township. My history as a farmer has instilled in me a desire to protect farmland, preserve our water resources and ensure rural heritage. My prior experience on council has given me knowledge of the needs of the municipality. I have served and will continue to serve on a variety of boards and committees to plan for Mulmur's future.

2. Do you subscribe to the theory that increased residential development will reduce the tax burden on residents, and if so what would you do to encourage such development in our community? What about other types of development: industrial, commercial, etc.?
 - Development is a double-edged sword. Increased residential development will give immediate tax revenue but more residences do lead to increased expenses to the municipality of Mulmur in the future. According to the official plan, Mulmur is already approaching its Rural development limit.
 - Industrial development should continue to be encouraged within designated areas such as the planned Primrose Industrial Park
 - small home or rural businesses are beneficial to Mulmur and should be encouraged

3. What would be your approach to maintaining municipal services while keeping taxes stable?
 - One of council's main jobs is always to maintain fiscal responsibility. We strive to keep taxes low and still provide required services for our residents. The budget process is something that we take seriously every year.

4. Aggregate mining is a major industry in Dufferin County, including in our communities. How would you propose to limit the expansion of aggregate mining?

- The municipality must ensure that all provincial and federal guidelines are followed in regards to any aggregate mining proposals.
5. We live in "Headwaters" communities and ground water is our most important resource. What steps do you feel the council should take to ensure the protection of our water?
 - Mulmur township is a member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, and we subscribe to the Source Water Protection Plan created by the Provincial Government to help us protect our ground water.
 6. What are your plans to manage the ongoing problem of noise pollution in our community?
 - This has been an ongoing problem in Mulmur township for years. We have increased policing and have implemented a noise by-law.
 7. The dumping of contaminated landfill is an increasingly serious problem for our area. What will be your approach to addressing the fill dumping issue?
 - Mulmur township recently created a Fill by-law. Council worked on this by-law diligently with our planner and resident input. If the rules of the Fill by-law are followed then this should no longer be an issue. Moving forward, enforcement should be the only concern.
 8. How do you propose to increase citizen engagement and participation in council business? How can the council improve transparency? Will you support continuing with regularly scheduled town hall meetings? Do you support the creation of and full support for effective council committees (eg: clear mandates, regular reports to and interaction with council, etc.)? What other forums for transparency and citizen involvement do you foresee?
 - We believe council is already transparent and open to the public. All council meeting minutes are published on the township website. Agendas for upcoming meetings are also posted. We also have a quarterly newsletter that is distributed with the tax bills. Public input is always encouraged at council. I will continue to support regularly scheduled town-hall meetings, as well as, the creation of effective council committees.

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9. Our communities have Codes of Conduct which aim to ensure dignity and respect for participants in the municipal government process. What do you feel could be done to improve the current Code of Conduct?
- Since the code of conduct was implemented, Mulmur council has maintained dignity and respect among its members. I believe that our current Code of Conduct is sufficient.
10. For Mayor and Deputy Mayor candidates: you will be our representative on County Council. Will your actions on County Council be directed by the instructions of your local council? What will you do when county needs and priorities conflict with your municipality?
- As Deputy Mayor I will be a representative on County Council. My actions will be directed by the instructions of our local council. My first priority will always be Mulmur Township.