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Town of Georgina 2026 Municipal Election Questionnaire

Protecting the Greenbelt

Background

Ontario's Greenbelt protects farmland, communities, forests, wetlands and watersheds. It also preserves cultural heritage and supports recreation and tourism in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Question #1

Do you support keeping the current boundaries of the Greenbelt in the Town of Georgina?

Answer

YES

Additional Comments *(please print)*

The Greenbelt is basically all of Georgina with the exception of the settlement areas. I don't believe we need to expand the settlement areas further than they are now. We need to be looking at appropriate infill and a better mix of housing, including some mid-rise housing to meet the provincially-mandated housing targets. I am particularly concerned that we do not pave over any more farmland. Southern Ontario, including Georgina, has some of the best farmland and we must protect our food supply.

Question #2

Do you support keeping the current environmental protection rules for the Greenbelt Plan as they apply to the Town of Georgina?

Answer

YES.

Additional Comments *(please print)*

The one slight change I might allow is for the creation of a family compound on a farm, i.e., allowing one or two additional dwelling units to be built in close proximity to an existing farmhouse outside of any active farming area. The additional dwelling unit could never be severed from the main farm, but would allow farmer's offspring to stay on the property and ensure it continues to operate as a farm. Strict set-backs and building size would be established in the zoning bylaw. I am concerned, however, about the authority granted to the Ontario Land Tribunal and MZOs potentially over-riding some of the environmental protections.

Opening Walking Trails in Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve

Background

Thanks to Caroline Mulroney's leadership, in 2022, the Maple Lake Estates' forests, wetlands, meadows and farmlands in the Town of Georgina were transferred to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to create the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve (LSCP).

Question #3

Should some of the LSCP's existing walking trails be upgraded so that the public can have safe and environmentally appropriate access to its provincially significant wetlands and old growth forests?

Answer

YES

Additional Comments *(please print)*

I think it is important for the public to understand the significance of this property and to see old growth forests to understand why they need protecting. My concern, however, is that any upgrades to the walking trails do not result in them becoming attractive to dirt bikes and other motorized vehicles.

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Please return your response by Tuesday, September 8, 2026, to:

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