



DNA 2014 Municipal Survey Results

Durham Nuclear Awareness sent out an election survey about nuclear emergency planning to all 209 candidates (in each of Durham's eight municipalities) in the 2014 municipal election.

The survey, with its explanatory preamble, can be found at <http://durhamnuclearawareness.com/electionsurvey/>
Questions are also inserted below.

As well as sending out the survey via e-mail (using addresses provided on the municipalities' election Web sites) on up to three occasions (i.e., a 2nd and then 3rd time to those who had not yet responded), follow-up phone calls were made to those who had not responded, with a polite request/reminder to participate in the survey.

All responses were acknowledged, and those who responded received an e-mailed copy of her/his responses.

Overall Response Rate

127 surveys out of 209, or 61%.

Response Rate By Municipality

OSHAWA	73%	BROCK	60%
CLARINGTON	67%	WHITBY	57%
PICKERING	62.5%	UXBRIDGE	50%
AJAX	62%	SCUGOG	33%

Response Rate of Candidates Who Are Incumbents

Ajax	3 out of a possible 7	Pickering	5/7
Brock	0/4	Scugog	0/5
Clarington	2/6	Uxbridge	2/6
Oshawa	5/10	Whitby	1/6

Response Rate of Current Members of Regional Council

6 out of a possible 28 = 21%

N.B. Total Regional Council members = 29; one incumbent member is not running for re-election.

Who Responded to the DNA Survey? Who Did NOT Respond?

The questions:

- 1. If elected, will you advocate for world-class nuclear emergency plans that meet or exceed international best practices? *Yes, No, Comments***
- 2. Do you support directing Durham Region staff to study and provide a report to Regional Council on international best practices for nuclear emergency plans? *Yes, No, Comments***
- 3. Do you agree that Durham Region should request the government of Ontario to openly and transparently consult with the municipalities and citizens of Durham Region on new off-site nuclear emergency plans? *Yes, No, Comments***

Responses from Ajax Candidates ** indicates incumbent*

Candidate Name	Position	Responses	Comments
Goolam (Tony) Hoosain	Mayor	Undecided, Yes, Yes	1. Mostly will
Waran Vaithilingam	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	None
* Colleen Jordan	Regional Councillor 3 & 4	Yes Yes Yes	None
* Marilyn Crawford	Ward Councillor-1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Julian J. Ramdial	Ward Councillor-1	Yes, Undecided, Yes	2. Do we have staff with expertise to conduct such a review?
Krystyna Roussy	Ward Councillor-1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Nadine Walker	Ward Councillor-1	Yes Yes Yes	None
* Renrick Ashby	Ward Councillor-2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Nancy Henry	Ward Councillor-2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Waqas Syed	Ward Councillor-2	No No No	1. From Premier Kathleen Wynne : Close the Pickering Nuclear Station article: Hydro-Quebec closed its only reactor Gentilly-2 last year because it admitted it would be too dangerous to operate beyond its design life. Ontario should follow suit. It should be closed asap. 2. From Premier Kathleen Wynne : Close the Pickering Nuclear Station article: Beyond being increasingly dangerous, the Pickering reactors are among the highest cost reactors in North America. Pickering is also the closest nuclear station in the world to a major population centre and sits on the shore of Lake Ontario from which 9 million people get their drinking water. And while OPG says Pickering is safe, it has asked the Harper government to prevent it from paying full compensation to victims in the event of an accident. Pickering's long-lived radioactive waste and plant decommissioning will burden future generations with enormous costs. The good news is that Ontario's demand for

			electricity is falling (down 10% since 2005 and predicted to continue to fall in the coming decade). Please close the reactor asap. 3. Personally, I don't prefer nuclear power as other alternative energy sources options are available. I would like my government to invest more in Solar energy as it is more clean from an environmental perspective and due to advancement in the technology, more affordable now. an excerpt from altenergy.org: By 2050, one-third of the world's energy will need to come from solar, wind, and other renewable resources. Who says? British Petroleum and Royal Dutch Shell, two of the world's largest oil companies. Climate change, population growth, and fossil fuel depletion mean that renewable will need to play a bigger role in the future than they do today. We have to think about our planet and future generation. We have to take the action now before it is too late.
Marsha Jones Dooley	Ward Councillor-3	Yes Yes Yes	1. After witnessing Fukushima none of us can take for granted the implications of a natural disaster situation. We must have the highest of safely levels in place.
Veronica Vernon	Ward Councillor-3	Yes Yes Yes	1. Ajax is within the locus of disaster should there be an accident. It is important that we are fully prepared with the most modern plan that is consistent with international practices. 2.This is critical because if we are going to have a solid nuclear emergency plan we need to know what the international standards and best practices are. 3. We live in a democracy and it is our lives that are at risk. Therefore we all should have a say/input in the process
Kurtis McAleer	Ward Councillor-4	Yes Yes Yes	None

Ajax Candidates Who Did NOT Respond **indicates incumbent*

* **Steve Parish** – Mayor

* **Shaun Collier** – Councillor 1 & 2

Tyrone H. Fernando – Regional Councillor 1 & 2

Kim Dowds – Regional Councillor 3 & 4

Muhammad Asif – Ward Councillor – 2

Rob Tyler Morin – Ward Councillor – 2

* **Joanne Dies** – Ward Councillor – 3

* **Pat Brown** – Ward Councillor – 4

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