

DNA 2014 Municipal Election 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 Brock Candidates * indicates incumbent

Candidate Name	Position	Responses	Comments
Penny Judge	Regional Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	 This is absolutely crucial since Durham has two plants and there are additional mitigating considerations i.e. main rail line transporting both goods and people, the major east west highway and a proposed ethanol plant at the Oshawa water front. It is necessary to qualify that answer. There has been much excellent research into best practice and I would not want the staff to reinvent the wheel. I would like to see a university / Regional partnership, involving each of the Region's departments and divisions and other key stakeholders. in other words I believe it should be a collaborative effort between the Region and the community to develop a measurable plan and not just a theoretical one. I believe it is also imparative to include our neighbouring communities
Joe Allin	Regional Councillor	Undecided, Yes, Yes	1. "Advocate" is the operative word. Politically it strikes me that voices from those municipalities in which these facilities are located would be most effective. If elected, I would certainly support such advocacy.
Wayne Dunnett	Regional Councillor	Undecided, Undecided Undecided	None
Barb Smith	Ward 1 Councillor		None
Gord Lodwick	Ward 1 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Paul Nelson	Ward 1 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	 To some realistic and doable level. A "desktop" study with a reasonable budget.
Jerry McGroarty	Ward 2 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	 Implementing best practices is imperative. This report must be undertaken by current staff< and not

			contracted out to third parties at increased costs to the municipality. 3. Provincial / Regional co-operation is necessary, with Durham Regional Council taking the lead role in developing nuclear emergency plans.
Kim Bouwmeester	Ward 3 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Mike Parliament	Ward 3 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Therese Miller	Ward 4 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Allan MacLean Simpson	Ward 5 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	1. Common Sense
			2. Good Luck
Lynn Campbell	Ward 5 Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	1. Public safety is paramount!

Brock Candidates Who Did NOT Respond * indicates incumbent

* Terry Clayton – Mayor Dorothy Sanderson – Mayor

John Grant - Mayor

* Ted Smith – Reg. Councillor

* Randy Skinner – Ward 2 Councillor

* Keith Shier – Ward 4 Councillor

David Marquis – Ward 5 Councillor

Tony Laundrie – Ward 5 Councillor

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