



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% 71%	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
Brock	0/4
Clarington	2/6
Oshawa	5/10

Pickering	5/7
Scugog	0/5
Uxbridge	2/6
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*

CLARINGTON Candidates * indicates incumbent

Candidate Name	Position	Responses	Comments
Jim Abernethy	Reg. Counc. Wards 1 & 2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Joe Neal	Reg. Counc. Wards 1 & 2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Steven Cooke	Local Councillor-1	Yes Undecided Yes	None
Sami Elhajjeh	Local Councillor-1	Yes Yes Yes	1. As a public health employee for almost 10 years and having taken emergency preparedness. I understand the importance of preparedness and mitigation during an event. 3. There needs to be consistent training so that if an event happens there is a seamless transition so that the reaction is quick and efficient.
Jacqueline Muccio	Local Councillor-1	Yes Yes Yes	1. I would like to become far more knowledgeable on this subject before advocating and look forward to the opportunity. 2. I am curious if there has been any initiative for this study and, if not, why. I would like an answer as a resident of Courtice and would absolutely support a proactive approach in creating better practices for nuclear emergencies. 3. We are the citizens closest to any dangerous situation and deserve to know more about the decisions surrounding our safety. It is our right to have a transparent relationship with the Government of Ontario and Durham Region surrounding this issue and more.
Thomas Sheehan	Local Councillor-1	Yes No Yes	1. Yes. It's time to update our nuclear emergency plans. Darlington Nuclear Plant is right next door to us. We need to ensure we protect the people of Clarington

			should something bad happen. 2. Since Darlington is Hydro One and the Province of Ontario, then The provincial government should do this study and provide it for us so it does not cost the taxpayers of Durham Region. 3. It would be great to see the Government of Ontario being Open and transparent with all of us especially with something as important as our Nuclear Power program.
Mark Stanisz	Local Councillor-1	Yes Yes Yes	1. We need to feel confident in having a clearly understood and top-quality plan in the event of major and minor incidents at the Darlington nuclear facility as well as in Pickering. 2. Although I am running locally I would lend any support I could to such a report and publicising the results. 3. All levels of government need to be involved in emergency plans. In the end there is one resident and passing the buck is not acceptable.
* Ron Hooper	Local Councillor-2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Lynn McCullough	Local Councillor-2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Tracey Ali	Local Councillor-3	Yes Yes Yes	None
Mark Alan Canning	Local Councillor-3	Yes Yes Yes	1. I also believe that other nuclear technologies need to be better studies (e.g. breeder) which limits the disposal/storing of nuclear by products. 2. Similar to garbage recycling, the staffing at Durham Region is very low for projects that are critical for families and the community. A political will is needed to add staff to this project.
Bonnie Seto	Local Councillor-3	? Yes Yes	1. I will support world-class nuclear emergency plans that meet or exceed international best practices.

* Corinna Traill	Local Councillor-3	Yes Yes Yes	None
Kevin Anyan	Local Councillor-4	Yes Undecided Yes	None
Zach Prescott	Local Councillor-4	Yes Yes Yes	None

CLARINGTON Candidates Who Did NOT Respond **indicates incumbent*

*** Adrian Foster** – Mayor

John O’Toole – Mayor

~~Joe Neal~~ – ~~Regional Councillor Wards 1 & 2~~ [late response]

*** Mary Novak** – Regional Councillor Wards 1 & 2

Steven Conway – Local Councillor-1

~~* Corinna Traill~~ – ~~Local Councillor-3~~ [late response]

*** Wendy Partner** – Local Councillor-4

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