



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***

PICKERING Candidates * indicates incumbent

Candidate Name	Position	Responses	Comments
Edoh Apaloo	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	1. Yes I will support any initiative the promotes Nuclear safety
Maurice Brenner	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	1. The current standards fail to address the serious impact an emergency may have. There is a need to expand notification boundaries and greater clarity. 2. Safety can never be compromised. The Council needs to have all the facts in the best interest of public safety. World standards will help raise that bar. 3. Like all matters participatory government involves dialog with stakeholders. The community.
* Jennifer O'Connell	Regional Councillor - Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Shawn Sandrasagara	Regional Councillor - Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	1. Yes especially providing the iodine pills. And other alert methods. Bringing other safety kits and brining in a crew to public places in brining awareness. 2. Also uploading safety videos and allocating a permanent display corner in every public library with literature depicting safety procedures. 3. This is a good idea such as a permanent display system wherever possible with media display system with video and headphones etc.
Nick Tsetsakos	Regional Councillor - Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	1. Any action plan to protect the families of Pickering and the surrounding areas makes sense. 2. Fact finding for such an important plan is important. 3. Input from the community and surrounding municipalities is very important to consider.
* Bill McLean	Regional Councillor - Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	None
* David Pickles	Regional Councillor - Ward 3	Yes Yes Yes	None

* Kevin Ashe	City Councillor-Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	1. Require further info of what constitutes international best practices
Deborah Bissett	City Councillor-Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Lisa Robinson	City Councillor-Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	1. We need to ensure that the plans are both monitored, and continually updated 2. This is a Provincial Responsibility in which Durham Region is a key stake holder, and therefor staff should review and consider recommendations, and provide comments to council to allow for meaningful input into such emergency
Peter Tijiri	City Councillor-Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	1. Not only if elected, but as a resident of Pickering I would encourage all residents of Durham to see the urgent need for world class nuclear emergency plans, especially since after the Fukushima accident resulting in untold misery and economic loss from the Tsunami of 2011. 2. I would be interested in having further discussions on this suggestion. 3. I would have thought the Ontario government would have automatically consulted the Municipalities and citizens of Durham Region on any new off-site nuclear emergency plans.
Ian Cumming	City Councillor-Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	1. Definitely 2. I do
* Doug Dickerson	City Councillor-Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Shaheen Butt	City Councillor-Ward 3	Yes Yes Yes	1. It is important that we are update with today's safety standards. 3. of course
Ken Nash	City Councillor-Ward 3	Yes No No	1. Thank you for contacting me and taking the time to do this stuff. Almost said NO!!! As I'm devoted to having the plant close down. 2. Why? They don't change. The plant is long past it's prime. I would advocate for Pickering NOT proceeding with Seaton's

		30,000 new homes. To give the province time to figure out it's energy and put Pickering out of it's misery. Louder horns are no sense of comfort. [**Letter to editor from June 2013 inserted; see below] 3. I don't really care what they have to say or how they say it. Unless it's goodbye been nice knowing you. No question OPG is a generous employer and community supporter. Just hope it's for the right reasons. It was a bit much OPG can send fridge magnets to my home and expect pharmacies to dispense radblock pills free. Plus OPG cut their order in half, asked for blister packs without instructions. It's pretty weak. I think the best would be Pickering and Durham put the Pickering Seaton development of 30,000 new homes on hold. Allow the province the peace of mind to close down the power the plant. Development fees aren't worth the risk. Will you guys help me make the case it is in the Provinces, Durham's and Pickering's best interest not to build Seaton and get out of this power mess we're in. Did you see Pickering was in wikileaks? Top 10 north american site. It's only take out the 4th largest city on the continent. SISL said this week they're coming to get Canada. Time for us to plain for the worst and hope for the best. The plant is having three mile island problems with the cooling screens. Into this mess Mayor Ryan of Pickering is planning on dumping an additional 650,000 litres a day of effluent from the big pipe. The lake is already mess as Ajax's Mayor Parish has shown with their study. If the screens aren't a problem how come Bruce's cooling intake is way out and from the bottom of the lake? Unlike Pickering?
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*** Ken Nash letter to editor included in his survey response above:*

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Give nuke plant a rest

Pickering News Advertiser

To the editor:

Re: 'OPG wants licence for Pickering plant renewed to 2020', news, durhamregion.com, May 28, 2013.

Ontario Power

Generating's gamble to extend the life of the world's oldest nuclear facility is fraught with risk. In support of OPG were Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan and the Pickering Soccer Club. More erudite nuclear energy professionals aren't as confident.

Politicians who think tax assessment trumps sanctity of life need a serious rethink. History has been a harsh teacher with Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima. Do we really want to risk adding Toronto to the list?

Mayor Ryan says residents moved to Pickering aware of the plant and support it. Not true. I moved to Bay Ridges with the understanding the plant would close in 2014.

And there is no peace of mind in a larger, louder warning system. Imagine your car mechanic saying your braking system is close to failing age and you can either replace the brakes, or buy a louder horn so innocents can get out of the way. Just saying. It is goofy.

In Pickering's case 260,000 innocents would need to get out of the way. Evacuation plan in place? Have your Radblock pills expired? Readily available and ready to go? Do you want to risk watching your child die from radiation because you didn't take action? Maybe we should stage a real evacuation. There is no refuge in denial.

If not for provincial political skullduggery OPG wouldn't be forced to enter into this epic nuclear mystery. Pickering operating costs are twice that of Darlington's. It's easy to imagine why. Proud, calloused trade hands replacing worn-out parts as fast as they can. They deserve a rest and our gratitude.

Ken Nash Pickering

Pickering Candidates Who Did NOT Respond * indicates incumbent

*** Dave Ryan** – Mayor

Myrna Picotte – Regional Councillor - Ward 1

Enrico Pistritto – Regional Councillor - Ward 1

Keith Falconer – Regional Councillor - Ward 2

*** Peter Rodrigues** – Regional Councillor - Ward 3

Cody Morrison – City Councillor - Ward 2

Kooper Nuckchedee – City Councillor - Ward 2

Rick Johnson – City Councillor - Ward 3

Nick Nikopoulos – City Councillor - Ward 3

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