



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 to the survey 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 Candidates for Regional Chair

Candidate Name	Responses	Comments
Arthur Augustine	Yes Yes Yes	1. Definitely yes, I spoke about this issue numerous times on my campaign discussion. My discussion have been noted in various news papers across Durham Region. 2. This is of vital importance 3. In my opinion, this is a vital responsibility of the Regional Chairman
Michael Deegan	Yes Yes Yes	1. If Durham Region doesn't hold itself to World Class standards, we will never be a world class Region. Durham Region has incredible geographic diversity, not to mention residents. Durham can be "the place to live" in Ontario. 2. It is the responsibility of government to ensure the safety and needs of the community is met. 3. As the Ontario Government regulates Healthcare, Environment, and Energy in Ontario it goes without saying that the Province be involved with nuclear emergency planning.
Lynn Porteous	Yes Yes Yes	3. Public Safety is a paramount priority, it is an obligation and a duty for anyone seeking a role in government.
Barbara Pulst	Yes Yes Yes	1. I will continue to. Together with others advocating for pre-distribution of Potassium Iodide pills was a good beginning

Candidates for Regional Chair Who Did NOT Respond * indicates incumbent

* **Roger Anderson** did not respond.

Peter Neal did not respond.

**** Note: Return to the main page to find the links to the survey results for each of Durham's eight individual municipalities.**