



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 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
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***

SCUGOG Candidates * indicates incumbent

Candidate Name	Position	Responses	Comments
Tom Rowett	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	1. We need to be more proactive like Switzerland and Germany. 3. It should encompass a 50 km radius - all of Durham including the Northern townships.
Joe Mahoney	Councillor - Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	1. However, the plan must be well thought out. Past emergency plans for some school evacuations were down right silly. 2. As long as the study is comprehensive.
Betty Somerville	Councillor - Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Aaron Hopkins	Councillor - Ward 4	Yes Yes Yes	None
Jennifer Back	Councillor - Ward 5	Yes Yes Yes	1. Yes, that has always been a concern to me (not actually having the K1 pills on hand at ones home)...I grew up in Ajax...much closer to the Pickering plant than I even live now. I can't see why it is not a basic preventative measure...I was a Girl Guide and I am now a Scout (Beaver) Leader and I do like to live by the motto "be prepared" 2. see previous comments. 3. Of course...I am actually concerned that this is not currently done. This is something that can and should be done and it would not cost anything to do...so I don't see the reason it is not done...I think it should be the responsibility of the Ontario Government to be open and transparent with its residents and with its municipal partners to ensure the safety of us all.

Scugog Candidates Who Did NOT Respond * indicates incumbent

- * **Chuck Mercier** – Mayor
- * **Bobbie Drew** – Regional Councillor
- Scott Burke** – Councillor - Ward 1
- Tony Janssen** – Councillor - Ward 1
- ~~**Joe Mahoney**~~ – Councillor – Ward 1 – [late response]
- Jana Guido** – Councillor - Ward 2
- * **John R. Hancock** – Councillor - Ward 2
- Don Kett** – Councillor - Ward 3
- Bill McKee** – Councillor - Ward 3
- * **Wilma Wotten** – Councillor - Ward 4
- * **Howard Danson** – Councillor - Ward 5

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