



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%
PICKERING	62.5%
AJAX	62%
BROCK	60%

WHITBY	57%
CLARINGTON	67%
UXBRIDGE	50%
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*

WHITBY Candidates * indicates incumbent

Candidate Name	Position	Responses	Comments
Donna Butler	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Bob Hartley	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	3. Having spent time in the military and trained in nuclear chemical warfare I understand why it is necessary to have a plan in effect just in case something goes wrong.
Lumy Omat	Mayor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Ros Whitby	Mayor	Yes Undecided Yes	1. Since having worked in the nuclear industry, I do advocate for emergency plans to meet our best practices in general. 2. Not sure what studying and providing a report to Regional Council on international best practices for nuclear emergency plans would gain. I would need to explore this more. 3. Being open and transparent always helps with communication and making decisions.
John Dolstra	Regional Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	None
Stacey Leadbetter	Regional Councillor	Yes Yes Yes	1. We should have the best emergency plans in the Country - with two plants, we need to be as prepared as humanly possible. 3. Absolutely - every citizen in every municipality should have full participation in any decision about off-site nuclear emergency plans.
Samena Asghar	Town Counc.- North Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Bill Windrem	Town Counc.- North Ward 1	Yes Yes Yes	None
Matt Cardwell	Town Counc.- West Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	1. I will need to meet with your organization for what constitutes a world-class nuclear emergency plan, but logically it makes a lot of sense. The safety of the community is one of council's basic responsibilities and nuclear safety needs to be taken seriously. As a ward councillor I will work with your organization to understand how we achieve that goal. The first thing to understand is what is the state of the current nuclear emergency

			plan, do one exist? If it does then we improve it and if it does not, we create a great one. 2. The Region has many people and resources to conduct such studies. I would approve such a study to be done and then have it presented to Regional Council. Educating the local decision makers on the importance of a nuclear emergency plan is vital. Durham Regional staff are unbiased and would do a great job of making suggestions and recommendations. Personally I would be very eager to read and hear the results that this study would provide. 3. Clear and transparent communication is required for the success of collaboration between the three levels of government. I think the provincial government must consult with the municipalities on important topics such as this one. However, it is incumbent on the Region to make these requests. The provincial government must pay attention to the needs of Durham Region and a strong council will make that happen. A new off-site nuclear emergency plan needs input from many areas to be as good as we need it to be. I cannot speak for the regional councillors, but as a town councillors I will lobby to make the provincial government hear our collective voice.
Chris Leahy	Town Counc.- West Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Linda Lyons	Town Counc.- West Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	None
Deborah Starzynski	Town Counc.- West Ward 2	Yes Yes Yes	1. I will always advocate for safety for the residents and businesses of Whitby. My understanding is that Federal and Provincial governments have the legislative powers regarding Nuclear Power and its uses as well as Emergency Planning. However I will certainly advocate at the local level for emergency plans that meet the needs of our community. This includes all emergency plans. Citizens need to be safe, feel safe and have confidence that in an emergency, there are plans in

			place to effectively deal with the situation quickly. 2. Yes with the following: I support Durham Region staff in participating in a study or project to understand Best Practices from other areas and to determine how these could be applied to Durham Region. I would like to see Durham Region as an important part of a larger group or project who jointly look at this issue on behalf of Ontarian, and Canadian needs, not operating in isolation. Obviously there would be different applications in different areas to meet local needs and we in Durham have very specific concerns.
Dave Sansom	Town Counc.- Centre Ward 3	Yes Yes Yes	3. In fairness ward councillors can request these questions are more directed to mayors and Regional Councillors who partake actively at the regional level. Hope this helps for you in the future. But I certainly agree with all 3 questions
Shirley Scott	Town Counc.- Centre Ward 3	Yes Yes Yes	None
Scott Templeton	Town Counc.- Centre Ward 3	Yes Yes Yes	None
Chris Brunelle	Town Counc.- East Ward 4	Yes Yes Yes	1. Hard to believe that this kind of measure is not already mandatory. In light of the nuclear disasters that have already occurred, there should be a global initiative to set a standard plan of action where nuclear facilities are concerned. 2. In Canada, we feel quite secure in our nuclear energy. I know many people who work at these facilities and safety is of the highest regard there. Still we can not afford to be complacent in this. "Plan for the best, Prepare for the worst." 3. A good plan of action requires clear communication from all parties involved.
Ajay Krishnan	Town Counc.- East Ward 4	Yes Yes Yes	None
* Kenneth Montague	Town Counc.- East Ward 4	Yes Yes Yes	None
Ira Michael Peters	Town Counc.- East Ward 4	Yes Yes Yes	None

Whitby Candidates Who Did NOT Respond * *indicates incumbent*

* **Don Mitchell** – Mayor
* **Lorne Earle Coe** – Regional Councillor
* **Joe Drum** – Regional Councillor
* **Elizabeth Roy** – Regional Councillor
* **Derrick Gleed** – Town Counc.- North Ward 1
Bruce J. Knaggs – Town Counc.- North Ward 1
Jim Skenderis – Town Counc.- North Ward 1
Chris Butryn – Town Counc.- West Ward 2
Les Kariunas – Town Counc.- West Ward 2
Michael Emm – Town Counc.- Centre Ward 3
Vera A. Felgemacher – Town Counc.- Centre Ward 3
Eva Guta – Town Counc.- East Ward 4
Bill Sandiford – Town Counc.- East Ward 4
Steve Yamada – Town Counc.- East Ward 4

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