

**Office of the Regional Chair and CEO  
The Regional Municipality of Durham**



# **Statement**

## **from the Regional Chair**

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### **Questions to 2018 Provincial Election Candidates**

Whitby, Ontario – Municipal issues are important to all Ontarians. We all need safe, environmentally sustainable, livable communities. We need jobs and strong local economies. We need solid commitments from the Government of Ontario to work cooperatively with municipal governments to address these priorities. We need partners.

Earlier this month, at the request of Council, I sent a letter to each provincial candidate running in a Durham Region riding to outline their position on issues of importance to Durham. I committed to share their responses to each of the following questions with Regional Council, and with the public through the Region's website, [durham.ca](http://durham.ca). It is important that residents are able to make informed decisions about party commitments to the places where they live, work and play.

#### **Economy**

1. How do you propose to work with Durham Region to create jobs, drive growth, foster innovation, and attract trade and investment to the region?
2. What solutions will you offer to support the economic viability of municipalities within the Greenbelt?

#### **Environment and Energy**

3. What role do conservation, retrofits, renewable energy, electric vehicles and nuclear energy production play in your plan to ensure that communities are prepared for, protected from, and supported in managing the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events?

How will it be funded?

4. What is your party's position on the potential new build at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station?

## **Infrastructure**

5. Does your party support a federal decision to proceed with the development of an airport on the Pickering airport lands?
6. What is your party's plan to ensure a predictable, formula-based approach and new revenue tools to help municipalities deliver infrastructure over the long term.
7. Does your party support completion of the GO Rail East Extension to Bowmanville by fall of 2024?
8. What is your party's plan to address the safety and severe congestion issues at the Harmony/Bloor 401 interchange in Oshawa?

## **Social Issues**

9. What is your party's commitment to support the seven priority neighbourhoods identified in the Durham Region Health Neighbourhoods Project to support strong, safe, equitable communities that improve the health and well-being of all residents?

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