

York Region Environmental Alliance 2006 Election Survey on Environmental Issues

Town of Aurora

Response: 12/22 or 55%

Candidate		Q.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Prominent mayors in the U.S.A. and Canada have committed their cities to follow the Kyoto Guidelines to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to pre-1990 levels. <i>If elected would you endorse similar measures through local initiatives in your community?</i>	Q.2 Planning for Sustainability. The path to sustainability means adopting a triple bottom line economic approach that ensures environmental, social and economic bottom lines are balanced. <i>If elected would you advocate for a triple bottom line in decision-making and town planning?</i>	Q.3 Waste Management York Region is contemplating incinerating waste yet not enough has been done to reduce, reuse and recycle, particularly in multi-residential units, businesses, institutions and schools. <i>If elected, would you advocate for a waste reduction approach that would use ways to reduce, reuse and recycle current waste streams through local initiatives?</i>	Q.4 Pesticide Bylaws Newmarket and Georgina have supported pesticide bylaws to protect the health and well-being of their residents. <i>If elected would you advocate for the implementation of a bylaw in your community?</i>
Tim Jones	M	Yes - Within the scope, ability and responsibility of the Town	Yes	Yes but... although supportive of reduction initiatives believes incineration needs to be considered.	Yes - after a full public process to educate and build ownership.
Nigel Kean	M	Yes	Yes	Supports incineration but understands the need to educate regarding the 3 R's	Yes
Phyllis Morris	M	Yes- It is important for all levels of government work to initiate, introduce and implement effective measures and educational programs to improve land, air and water quality.	Yes-Environmentally speaking, the cost of not doing it right in the planning stages may cost more in the long run.	Yes –noted recent Council recommendations including a report on the development of a Green Community Policy using “The Toronto Green Development Standard 2006’ as a model.	Yes -Will continue to support the Environmental Advisory Committee motion Sept. 06 which endorses the implementation of Pesticide By-law.
Evelyn Buck		Would not answer yes or no but states concerns about the issues. Believes that only senior levels of government could pass laws related to conservation and local council has the least authority. Promotes conservation education.	No specific answer to this question.	Not impressed with current ways of disposing of waste. Green Bins means diverting waste that could go in a backyard composter. Notes discounted composters removed from budget when Green Bins introduced. Shipping organic waste elsewhere also problematic	Would want answers to questions such as how it works elsewhere, enforcement programs, prosecution etc., before supporting a bylaw.
Alison Collins-Mrakas		yes	yes	Source reduction important element of waste strategy. Supports initiatives that address this.	Issue of concern form many in community Supports initiatives that would address limiting pesticides use to specific contexts

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Alan Dean					
Wendy Gaertner					
Stephen Granger					
Glyn Jones	Yes- but feels until the regional, provincial and federal governments come to grips with this issue there is little the town can do. Feels reducing harmful emissions in general is significantly more important than just CO2.	Yes- but feels the development already committed to over the next 10 years which consumes all remaining residential land leaves few opportunities for dealing with social and environmental ramifications.	Due to intensification of development we will probably have to use incineration and waste reduction.	Yes –has not used pesticides on his lawn in 25 years.	
Evelina MacEachern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grace Marsh					
Aime Martin					
Eric McCartney	Yes	Would want to speak to Town staff first.	Yes	Would want a task force. Must be phased in so it does not affect people's livings. Can not have it two-sided as in some municipalities i.e. residential but not business.	
Bob McRoberts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bryan Moir					
Keith Munro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Currently avoids the use of pesticides and informs citizens of negative aspects.	
Miloslav Prikryl	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stan Rycombel	Yes -This is a very important issue and nothing negative can come out of creating policy to attain those targets	Yes-When taking these issues into consideration the public's best interest will be attained.	Yes	Yes - In strong support of implementing a pesticide control bylaw.	
Kam Sadiq					
Michael Thompson					
Norm Weller					
Al Wilson					

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