

York Region Environmental Alliance 2006 Election Survey on Environmental Issues

Town of Markham

Response: 30/55 = 55%

		Q.1 Greenhouse Gas Emmissions 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>
Frank Scarpitti	M				
Stephen Kotyck	M	No- Will not commit to Kyoto but will do what he can within reason. i.e., see that town vehicles burn clean fuel and that they focus on energy conservation.	Yes – Saying this is unlike past councils. Wants to see more involvement from the public in decision-making	Yes -But believes there is room for a combination of the above including incineration.	Yes- Doesn't take a rocket scientist to see there are more biologically sound ways of dealing with pests than poisoning the environment.
Partap Dua	M	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sam Orrico	M				
Jim Jones	RC	Yes	Yes- Markham is heading to 70% - the rest of Region should get there.	There is a Town Hall meeting on this Oct. 26 and will listen to both sides of the argument.	
Jack Heath	RC	Yes	Yes- Probably, but would want to see examples in how decision-making process would work.	Yes- I am already doing this.	Yes
Elagu Elagupillai	RC	Yes	Yes- With some modifications.	Yes	Yes
Joe Li	RC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Khalid Usman	RC				
Gordon Landon	RC	Yes	Yes	Yes- Incineration is not the answer. If we did a better job of recycling and composting we would not need incineration.	Yes
Carl Bodnar	RC	Yes- Suggests his solutions will protect the environment and may surpass the Kyoto Guidelines	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arnel Scott	RC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tony Wong	RC	Yes	Yes- Within Markham context.	Yes	Yes -But only after adequate public consultation
Stan Daurio	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-but broader and at the same time more selective.

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Jason Buchholz	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valerie Burke	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Erin Shapero	2	Yes-Notes Markham is the 1 st municipality to endorse the global municipal leaders summit declaration on climate change. Ms. Shapero co-wrote parts of the document.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peter Pavlovic	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Is not familiar with by-laws but would support decisions affecting human health.
Howard Shern	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ivan Yao	3	Yes- Listed specific initiatives to address energy efficiency, renewable energy, for businesses and residents.	Yes-The city must support this with meaningful data to help in better decision-making. Has to be transparent and forthcoming with steps to ensure sustainability.	Yes-Markham should take a leadership role and be the best in the world regarding environmental standards and technology. Must improve on waste diversion. Green Bin 93% diversion rate shows people willing and responsive to solutions.	Yes-Since pesticides are linked to cancer and greenhouse emissions. Increased by-law enforcement is needed and revenue could go to the Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund.
George Treheles	3				
Joe Virgilio	3				
Spaso Jovcevski	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenny Szeto	3				
John Cabrelli	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michael Skinner	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nirmala Persaud-Armstrong	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carolina Moretti	4				
Jim Treacy	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tony Boseovski	4				
Alan Ho	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ivy Lam	4	Supports the reduction of greenhouse gases, sustainable environmental solutions, waste reduction management and restricted or limited use of pesticides but feels unable to answer specific questions at this time.			
Brian Weller	4				
Stephen Tonner	4				
John Webster	5	Yes-Works towards achieving the Kyoto objectives in the greater	Yes	Yes- Now involved in ICI program and looking toward	Favours by-law for public lands but waiting to see what the public

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		community and supports related local decision-making. Promoting Leeds program standards for development.		greater results than the 60% diversion achieved.	wants on private land. Would need public support and education.
James Bush	5				
Colin Campbell	5				
Bala Balasubramaniam	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Horchik	6				
Jim Kwan	6				
Wafik Abadir	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Logan Kananpathi	7	Yes-Notes it will require work with the provincial and federal governments.	Yes-Sustainable development should be what Markham is all about.	Yes	Yes-Council should work with community and stakeholders to ensure a transition to pesticide free services are available to the community.
William Jeyaveeran	7				
Tessa Benn- Ireland	7				
Syed Zaidi	7				
Mohammed Rahman	7				
Yahya Qureshi	7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeffry Ruo	7				
Manpreet Minhas	7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alex Chui	8				
Ivy Lee	8				
Thaya Rajah	8				
Surinder Lamba	8				
Millicent Radway	8				
Jeremy Choi	8				

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