

**Municipal Election** 



# **Candidates for Mayor**

Candidate: Walter Schumer

**Position:** Mayor **Incumbent:** No

Did not respond to questions.

Candidate: Ryan Willams

**Position:** Mayor **Incumbent:** No

Did not respond to questions.

Candidate: Ted Smith Position: Mayor Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.



# Candidates for Regional Councillor



**Candidate:** Dorothy Sanderson **Position:** Regional Councillor

Incumbent: No Contact Info: 705-432-2927

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1. It's been widely reported that Ontario needs 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years to balance supply with demand. As one of the fastest growing regions in the province, Durham Region will be playing a large part of the solution. As mayor, what will you do to improve the development processes, timelines and current staffing constraints to be able to stay on pace with the necessary growth?

Yes! But not just in the Region of Durham. Durham Region, particularly in Brock has several new housing developments in the works as we speak. Sonya, Manilla and I do believe the Hamlet of Wilfred near Pefferlaw. As Regional Councillor, I would like you to look at other areas outside of Durham Region for growth. There are far too many overpriced homes on the go in various Durham Region Municipalities right now but, as I have travelled these areas I'm hard-pressed to find much Affordable Housing for young working Canadians with or without families.

The current staffing constraints within Durham Region Headquarters can only be alleviated by hiring new, well qualified persons.

## 2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

It is very evidently alive and well in South Durham. The "Missing Middle" is being overlooked and shut out of Home Ownership. Many homes have been purchased by Speculators adding to this problem. Remember the Pickering Airport fiasco? However, Durham Region seems to look at Brock Township as an "Affordable Solution" without looking in their own backyard. Build up, not out, build affordable Condos and Townhouses. Brock Township lacks much of the costly infrastructure needed for what the Region is proposing plus, many people do not have the funds or means to be re-located out of their familiar surroundings. Homes, not Ghettos.

#### 3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

What do you consider "Surplus Land"? I surely hope it's not our farmland. This past year alone many Farmers have been clearing brush, bushes that serve no purpose AND clearing out fence rows to give them more land to put into production. Even Solar Farms have claimed good, airable farmland. Marshes and waterfront properties need to be left alone too along with parkland. More homes, more people, more garbage.

Some land is under Environmental Protection. Again, we're back to the age old question "where do you build now because Durham Region is becoming overbuilt". Northern Ontario is indeed the Land of Opportunity.



# Candidates for Regional Councillor

Candidate: Michael Jubb Position: Regional Councillor

Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.

**Candidate:** David Marquis **Position:** Regional Councillor

Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.



## **Candidates for Ward 1 Councillor**

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Candidate: Mike Simard
Position: Ward 1 Councillor

Incumbent: No Contact Info:

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It is well understood that construction is a large part of the driving force behind the Province of Ontario's economy. I agree we are behind housing and it may never catch up. Working with the official plan and development services it will be important to ensure that staff has the direction and resources. If outsourcing is necessary to achieve and move projects forward efficiently then that makes sense to me. Understanding that the permit processes can slow to a crawl due to limited staff from (time to time) outsourcing to the private sector is always a possibility. I know of a few building departments in Durham region that have outsourced to private firms to achieve the building community goals.

## 2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

Like I have stated I encourage growth in a responsible manner. I believe that the housing industry has a very noble cause providing not only homes but communities for their families to live in. I will always be willing to work with the building industry to ensure the process is done right and that approvals can be met. It will always be a good thing for developers and council working together to ensure that ALL the goals are met for a planned community.

## 3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

I am looking forward in working along side Town planning staff and our planning consultants to ensure that we have proper growth for Brock Township. Again understanding it is always a lengthy process and what decisions can be made to be more efficient and not stalling a development.



# Candidates for Ward 5 Councillor

**Candidate:** Lynn Campbell **Position:** Ward 5 Councillor

**Incumbent:** Yes

Did not respond to questions.

Candidate: Tony Laundrie Position: Ward 5 Councillor

Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.



# Acclaimed

**Candidate:** Claire Doble **Position:** Ward 2 Councillor

**Incumbent:** Yes

Candidate: Angela Canavan Position: Ward 3 Councillor

Incumbent: No

Candidate: Cria Pettingill Position: Ward 4 Councillor

Incumbent: Yes