



UPDATE #27

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LOCAL FEDERAL CANDIDATES SURVEYED: ALL RESPONDENTS OPPOSED TO AIRPORT

The Questions

Q1: Do you support an airport on the remaining Federal Lands?

Q2: For those in FAVOUR: What type of airport?

- a. Scheduled air passenger service international
- b. Air cargo only international
- c. Privately owned general aviation/corporate jet

Q3: For those OPPOSED: How should the Lands be used?

- a. Entirely for agriculture and agriculture-related businesses
- b. Entirely for non-agricultural economic development
- c. Agriculture and non-agricultural economic development

The Responses

	Q1	Q2a	Q2b	Q2c	Q3a	Q3b	Q3c
<i>Ajax</i>							
GPC: Jeff Hill	No				✓		
LPC: Mark Holland	No				✓		
NDP: Stephanie Brown	No				✓		
UPC: Bob Kesic	No				✓		
No response: Chris Alexander (CPC)							
<i>Durham</i>							
NDP: Derek Spence	No				✓		
No response: Andrew Moriarty (CHP), Erin O'Toole (CPC), Stacey Leadbetter (GPC), Corinna Traill (LPC)							
<i>Markham-Stouffville</i>							
LPC: Jane Philpott	No						
NDP: Gregory Hines	No				✓		
No response: Paul Calandra (CPC), Myles O'Brien (GPC)							
<i>Pickering-Uxbridge</i>							
GPC: Anthony Navarro	No				✓		
LPC: Jennifer O'Connell	No				✓		
NDP: Pamela Downward	No				✓		
No response: Corneliu Chisu (CPC)							
<i>Whitby</i>							
NDP: Ryan Kelly	No				✓		
No response: Pat Perkins (CPC), Craig Cameron (GPC), Jon O'Connor (Ind.), Celina Caesar-Chavannes (LPC)							

Our sincere thanks to all those candidates who took the time to respond. See sidebar for more information.

ABOUT OUR SURVEY

Land Over Landings' survey was sent to all 23 candidates running in the ridings closest to the Federal Lands. Many responses contained comments and explanations that space limitations prevent us from including here, but you can read them and more on our website. See "Survey results" on the home page.

On October 19, be sure to



CONGRATS TO OUR SISTER GROUP, STORM

On September 27, we joined 150 celebrants from across Ontario to mark a big STORM anniversary. The Save the Oak Ridges Moraine coalition has been monitoring and protecting Ontario's environmentally sensitive Oak Ridges Moraine for 25 years.

The partnership for 2015 – Earthroots, EcoSpark, Ontario Nature, and STORM – honoured 25 environmental heroes, many of whom we've had the great pleasure of working with over the years, including Debbe Crandell, Josh Garfinkel, Debbie Gordon, and Cindy Sutch. Thanks for a lovely hike in the woods, good conversations, and great music by Northern Roads. And especially, congratulations to all of you on a job well done and for countless hours of passionate, committed volunteering that gets results!

EAT THINK VOTE

Inspiring words and inspired cuisine were the hallmarks of our Eat Think Vote event (October 6), one of many being held across Canada before election day. Pickering's PORT Restaurant was the perfect venue. Executive Chef Eric Wood spoke from the heart about the need for locally sourced foods, and offered mouthwatering hors d'oeuvres to guests. After the event, he served a full dinner to the participating candidates.

Ajax and Pickering-Uxbridge Conservative candidates Chris Alexander and Corneliu Chisu did not attend, but Jeff Hill and Anthony Navarro (Green), Mark Holland and Jennifer O'Connell (Liberal), and Stephanie Brown and Pamela Downward (NDP) all did, and spoke passionately on the importance of ensuring food security nationwide—starting with the protection of our agricultural land, including the Federal Lands here in Pickering, and paying particular attention to the food needs of children and seniors.

Our co-hosts were Eco-Ethnomics and PORT Restaurant. For more information on efforts to secure a national food policy, see <http://foodsecurecanada.org/EatThinkVote>

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Candidates discuss the need for food security in Canada. Photo by Alexis Whalen

Food for Thought

Food crosses all domains and affects all people. It's one of life's necessities, one of life's greatest enjoyments, it brings us together and creates community, it's something we spend a large portion of our life preparing and eating, it's recession-proof, it's a major economic contributor, it complements our experiences, it's something we celebrate, it nourishes us and contributes to our well-being, it relies on the health of our environment, it has the power to express diverse cultures and connect us to the land, and it has long been worshipped as sacred.

Remember that the big issues in this federal election are the economy, health, and the environment, and you can't deal with any of these without dealing with food. Let's put food on the table today, and make sure whoever wins a seat in Parliament understands and represents the food issues that are important to all Canadians.

~ Ryan Turnbull, Eco-Ethnomics Inc.
at the Eat Think Vote event

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