

DURHAM REGION ELECTIONS ARE IN FULL SWING

As of May 1st, 2018 Nominations for Regional and Municipal office candidacy opened. First in line for Durham Region top job was John Mutton on May 1, 2018. Subsequently John Henry on May 14th, 2018. John Mutton former Mayor of Clarington a proven community leader and contributor appears to be against John Henry a two term Mayor of Oshawa. Henry nomination has many baffled as his accomplish-

ments as mayor have been marginal at best. His leadership has sent Oshawa reputation spiraling out of control with all kinds of controversial scandals. From the Oshawa Depo fiasco to the arrest and assault of two activists at a City Hall public meeting by Durham Regional Police. Some have questioned the recent settlement between the city law suit and Durham region transit as just another example of Henry attempting to make himself look good by

giving into a settlement with the region at tax payers expense. In Oshawa as of May 16th, 2018 the only registered candidate for Mayor of Oshawa is Dan Carter.

Ward 1
Regional and City Councillor
John Neal
City Councillor
Theresa Corless.

Ward 2
Regional and City Councillor
OPEN (no nominations)
City Councillor
Jim Van Allen

Gail Bates
Ward 3
Regional and City Councillor
Teresa Aker
John Shields (incumbent.)
City Councillor
Ethan Eastwood
Bradley J. Marks
Cerise Wilson

Ward 4
Regional and City Councillor
Doug Sanders
City Councillor
Derek Giberson

Ward 5
Regional and City Councillor
Kim Beatty
Nester Pidwerbecki
City Councillor
Alex Down

MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON
Mayors office
Adrian Foster

Regional Councillor
Wards 1 & 2
Richard Morgan
Joe Neal
Regional Councillor
Wards 3 & 4
Steven Cooke
Wendy Partner
Local Councillor, Ward 1
Janice Jones
Sami Elhajjeh
Local Councillor, Ward 2
OPEN
Local Councillor, Ward 3
Bradley Phillips
Local Councillor, Ward 4
OPEN
TOWN OF WHITBY
Mayor
Colleen JORDAN
OPEN
Regional Councillor
John Dolstra
Chris Leahy
Steve Yamada

Town Councillor
North Ward 1
OPEN
Town Councillor
West Ward 2
Deidre Newman
Town Councillor
Centre Ward 3
Bob Baker
Michael G. Emm
Town Councillor
East Ward 4
Liam Nichols
Sharon Peters
Maleeha Shahid
TOWN OF AJAX
Mayor
Shaun COLLIER
Colleen JORDAN
Ward 1 - Regional Councillor
Marilyn CRAWFORD

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Durham Regional Council endorses Early Learning and Child Care Service Plan 2018-2022

Whitby, Ont. – Durham Regional Council endorsed Durham's Early Learning and Child Care Service Plan 2018-2022. The plan describes how the Region of Durham, as the Consolidated Service Manager, will collaborate with the early learning and child care sector to expand and strengthen the child care system.

Commissioner of Social Services. "It is the result of the hard work and dedication of many—including staff in the Children's Services Division and our many community partners—who contributed their expertise to this plan. We have a clear direction to move us forward for the next five years." In 2017, the Ministry of

Education outlined its requirement that all Consolidated Service Managers create and submit a Child Care and Early Years' Service Plan, for approval by their local council by June 2019. The Consolidated Service Manager is required to review and update the plan at least every five years.



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"Everyone in the community benefits when investments are made in our children," said Gerri Lynn O'Connor, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer. "This plan reflects the Region's strong commitment to the expansion of quality early learning and child care programs and services. We look forward to the continued funding from our provincial and federal partners to help put this plan into action."

- The Early Learning and Child Care Service Plan 2018-2022 outlines five key service priorities to drive the growth of a high-quality child care system:
- Maximize financial support available to licensed child care.
 - Develop and implement a strategy to support children with special needs.
 - Increase, attract and retain quality Registered Early Childhood Educators.
 - Support and expand the licensed home child care sector.
 - Reduce the waitlist for child care fee subsidy.

The plan establishes a number of strategies to support the achievement of each of the priorities; in addition to related action plans and timelines.

These five priorities are based on input from parents and caregivers, as well as members of the child care community. They build on the four provincial priorities, as identified by the Ontario Ministry of Education, to guide the modernization and transformation of the early learning and child care sector: accessible, affordable, high-quality and responsive.

"This comprehensive plan provides a collective vision for Durham's children and families," said Dr. Hugh Drouin,



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