

DURHAM'S NEW MPP TEAM



Oshawa
Jennifer French - NDP
 22,694
 Bob Chapman - PC 4,278
 Makini Smith - LIB 1,957
 Deborah Ellis - GRN523

The only municipality out five that could not win a PC candidate. Critics have speculated that Bob Chapman as a former City/Regional councillor for two terms has achieved anything for Oshawa. Oshawa debt is at 500million and no plan is being ironed out. Mr. Chapman reputation apparently did not make the grade. Congratulations to Jennifer French. French new to politics now enters her second term in office. Let's keep an out for her.



Whitby
Lorne Coe - PC 20,562
 Niki Lundquist - NDP 7,427
 Leisa Washington - LIB 1,958
 Stacey Leadbetter - GRN 522

Lorne Coe now in his second term as an MPP is an experienced local politician. Well known in the community for his many roles and contributions. Lorne Coe as a tough candidate as the numbers show. No one even came close to it. Mind you the candidates running really did not bring forth any real threat. Whitby has been PC for the longest time and will continue as long as candidates like Lorne Coe keep running for office. Congratulations Lorne.



Ajax
Rod Phillips - PC15,130
 Monique Hughes - NDP 12,607
 Joe Dickson - LIB 1,224
 Stephen Leahy - GRN 312

Rod Phillips (born March 2, 1965) is the former chair of Postmedia (2014–2017) and former president and CEO of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (2011–2014) as well as the former chair of CivicAction (2014-2017). He has also been president of personnel services company Shepell-fgi (2002-2010). Rod beating Joe Dickson is a huge success as Dickson has been entrenched for the past 20 years as the local MPP. Congratulations Rod.



Pickering—Uxbridge
Peter Bethlenfalvy - PC17,029
 Nerissa Cariño - NDP 10,851
 Ibrahim Daniyal - LIB2 105
 Adam Narraway - GRN 273

Peter Bethlenfalvy is a leader in the Financial Services sector and over the last 25 years has held international, senior leadership roles with multibillion dollar, Canadian and U.S. financial institutions. Relatively new to politics. Peter has a tough couple of months ahead of him. The learning for many new MPP's is brutal as most fall under the wing of the party veterans and don't really get much accomplished. But Peter with his worldly experience will be different.



Durham
Lindsey Park - PC 19,249
 Joel Usher - NDP 10,235
 Granville Anderson -LIB 2,359
 Michelle Corbett - GRN 381

Lindsey Park a true out of the blue candidate wins by a huge margin. The Durham riding has always been a confusing riding. From the winning of Granville Anderson to the many before him. It is as voters go with the flow of the day. In this case it appears that Ford has influenced enough people to paint the riding blue. Lindsey Park biggest task for that riding will be to assure the blue line is maintain for years to come. Congratulations Lindsey

The Ontario Progressive Conservatives under Ford won a majority mandate on Thursday ending more than 15 years of Liberal rule in the province, defeating Kathleen Wynne's Liberals and Andrea Horwath's NDP.

Ford, a former Toronto city councillor, had positioned himself from the outset of the campaign as a fiscally responsible outsider, promising to cut government waste and put money back into voters' wallets and swept to victory riding a wave of voter resentment.

"I'm very honoured, I'm very humbled," said Ford as he left his mother's house Thursday evening on his way to PC election headquarters at the Toronto Congress Centre. "I want to thank our team and everyone out there."

"I'm very grateful to the people of Ontario," he said. "We worked right up until the last minute and we appreciate everyone's support."

Ford with the style of Donald Trump may be the beginning of something different in Canadian politics. Time will tell.



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Election results a cause for concern

Today, students greet the newly elected Progressive Conservative (PC) government of Doug Ford with mixed emotions. The lack of support for public services, like post-secondary education, and for victories such as the \$15 minimum wage shown by the leadership of the PC majority government presents a cause for concern for students.

[The Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario is the largest student organization in the province, representing over 350,000 college, undergraduate and graduate students "For the past several months, students have been advocating for strong public funding for public services, like transit, child care and health care, that impact our everyday lives," said Nour Alideeb, Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario. "While we are excited to begin working with new and returning Members of Provincial Parliament from all parties to continue fighting for affordable and accessible education, we must acknowledge that this incoming government has failed to show any commitment to maintaining strong support for the public services we all rely on." Over the past several months, students have been organizing around the Fairness for Students campaign, which highlights the important role public services play in creating the conditions for students to be successful. Across the province, student organizations have been sharing this message with their members and encouraging them to vote. During the election, the PC Party promised to find billions of dollars of efficiencies within government, implement significant tax reductions and freeze the minimum wage at \$14 per hour. Premier-elect Doug Ford has so far remained unclear where these efficiencies will be found. However, it is certain that such significant budget cuts will have major implications for students. "Students are concerned that the efficiencies this government has talked about will come at the expense of important investments in the form of public spending, which means cuts to education and health care," said Alideeb. "By working together we have been able to secure a \$15 minimum wage and other important investments that provide help to those who need it the most. We can't afford to move backwards."



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