



THE REGIONAL  
MUNICIPALITY  
OF DURHAM  
HEADQUARTERS

605 Rossland Road East

**Certified  
Candidates for  
the Office of  
Regional Chair**





# Candidates for Regional Chair



**Candidate:** John Henry  
**Position:** Regional Chair  
**Incumbent:** Yes  
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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?**

Durham Region is one of the fastest growing regions in the province! It has been one of my priorities as an elected official to improve the service for development and streamline processes.

I am proud of the accomplishments the Region has made during my first term as Regional Chair. Many builders have commented on our accessibility and willingness to bring everyone to the table to solve the issues swiftly.

**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?**

Planning is handled at the lower municipality. It is important to take everyone's perspective into account, but in the long run, the decisions made need to address the best interest of the over-all community.

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

The relationships I have built for over more than a decade in municipal and regional politics has benefited our communities.

The Region does not have any surplus lands, but we do work with other levels of government to advocate for the release of surplus properties in Durham Region.



# Candidates for Regional Chair

**Candidate:** Kurdil-Telt Patch  
**Position:** Regional Chair  
**Incumbent:** No

Did not respond to questions.

**Candidate:** Peter Neal  
**Position:** Regional Chair  
**Incumbent:** No

Did not respond to questions.

**Candidate:** Laurie Blaind Mackie  
**Position:** Regional Chair  
**Incumbent:** No

Did not respond to questions.