

What is your plan for improving air quality in Oakville?



Lesley Sprague — NDP

Citizens should have full information and a fair say about planned industrial activities in their communities. Existing levels of pollution should be taken into account when the government is considering adding new sources of pollution to communities. We will reverse the exemptions granted by the previous government, and ensure that all



Lesley Sprague

industrial activities and emissions are posted on the Environmental Registry for public comment.

While tax schemes like the HST have made energy more expensive for consumers, they've also offered dramatic no-strings-attached tax cuts to some of Ontario's biggest polluters.

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Kevin Flynn — Liberal

I will work with my party to make our new air quality management plan a success, to continue reducing coal-fired power generation, to reduce smog from cars by improving the GO transit system, and to protect the Greenbelt — the "lungs" of the GTA — when it comes up for review in 2015.



Kevin Flynn

came to Oakville. (And not a cent was spent cancelling the contract.)

In contrast, PC Larry Scott told Oakville Town Council that the federal Conservatives were unable to help stop the plant.

Lee St. James, Scott's campaign manager, suggested Glen Abbey as an appropriate spot for a power plant.

PC Leader Tim Hudak told an industry conference that he would not

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Larry Scott — PC

The Balsillie Report states that transportation sources account for 60 per cent of our air pollution burden. A PC government will invest in new transit and transportation solutions to help reduce congestion — continuing the infrastructure investments like the GO Transit parking facilities and additional rail lines that are desperately needed for Oakville com-



Larry Scott

muters.

A PC government will finish closing Ontario's coal-fired generating plants by 2014 — a job the PCs started with the 2001 decision to stop burning coal at Mississauga's Lakeview site.

One of the main reasons I am the PC Candidate is because Kevin Flynn refused to fight for us when a massive power plant was proposed for

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Andrew Chlobowski — Green Party

It is not an easy task to achieve immediate improvement in Oakville's air quality. To do so quickly, one would have to shut down half of the industry in Oakville, southern Toronto, Mississauga, and Hamilton.



Andrew Chlobowski

were not enough, one would have to force the industry in the American Mid-West to drastically reduce emissions.

In order to achieve the desired reduction in air pollution in Oakville and elsewhere in southern Ontario, a Green government will not only

continue the current Ontario policies that support the development of renewable energy generation, but also extend

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Throughout the provincial election campaign, the *Oakville Beaver* is asking candidates in the Oakville and Halton ridings to respond to weekly questions. Responses from the Oakville candidates appear each Thursday and responses from the Halton candidates appear each Friday leading up to the Oct. 6 election. The third question in this series is "What is your plan to improve air quality in Oakville?"

Editor's note: The following Oakville candidates responded to our question by deadline.

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