

## CONCORD WEST RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### “ALL CANDIDATES MEETING” SEPT 14, 2011 (PROVINCIAL ELECTION)

#### QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- 1. This is a **two-part question**: if you are elected and your party forms a government, what will you do to that will result in the relocation of the GO/Metrolinx hub **to the north** of highway #7? Likewise, what will you do to implement the community’s request to transfer the ORC greenspace and headwaters land to the TRCA or another environmentally responsible authority?
- 2. If you support both of these efforts of the community, will you put this support in writing **before** the election, and state in writing what you will do to support both efforts?
- 3. Given the connection between the serious problems raised by increasing vehicular traffic, the polluting combustion engine and dependency on oil and nuclear for energy and power generation, what will you do in Queen's Park to promote research in alternative energy technologies that are **not** photovoltaic or wind farms?
- 4. Ontario class environmental assessment regulation 231/08 passed by the present government is flawed on two counts: it railroads the social and natural environments to favour central planning of transportation structures linked to investment in intensification centres, and it makes a mockery of environmental assessments and the environmental protection act. What will you do to correct both of these problems, while addressing the obvious need for better and more efficient mass transportation?
- 5. Perhaps the worst damage caused by intensification is the replacement of social communities by concentrations of atomized individuals who can easily be duped by government and corporate interests, since they fail to perceive nearly all common threats to their livelihood, health and security. We can call this the **St. Jamestown paradigm**, where crime rates soar; but more recently, the same paradigm is back in fashion in the form of **intensification**. By the same token, **urban sprawl** has been tremendously destructive of the natural environment. What will you do to moderate development - by a better control of immigration, by placing limits on both intensification **and** sprawl, by protecting existing communities and fostering the growth of communities, not anthills?