



Sustaining Markham's Biodiversity: 2026 Candidate Survey September 23, 2026

Friends of Swan Lake Park ("FOSLP") initiated a survey of candidates for Markham Council in the October 2026 municipal elections.

Questions #1 - 6 asked their views on 17 issues related to sustaining Markham's green spaces, the impact of the Mount Joy redevelopment on the Mount Joy Community Centre and neighbouring parks and their views on potential enhancements to Swan Lake Park.

We also asked them to share their views on two broader policy questions:

#7) On what Markham could be doing to enhance the environmental stewardship of the Greenway System.

#8) Any additional comments on their priorities for Markham's community facilities and parks.

Responses to questions #7 and #8 are provided starting on page 5. The candidates individual responses to the 17 specific issues are provided in the Appendix.

Candidate Responses

Following is a summary of the candidate responses to FOSLP's questions on 17 community issues.

16 Total Responses

1 Mayor

Stephen Edgell

YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
11	2	3

11 Regional Councillor (4 Positions Open)

Paul Chiang

Amanda Collucci

Don Hamilton

Jack Heath

Alan Ho

Michael Huang

Joe Li

Jim Jones

Ivy Lee

Joe Tay

Richard Tranquada

12	0	5
15	1	1
13	1	2
14	0	3
17	0	0
11	6	0
16	0	1
10	0	7
8	3	6
11	1	5
15	1	1

1 Ward 3 Councillor

Kristan Chan

16	0	0
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1 Ward 5 Councillor

Laurence Liang

14	1	2
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2 Ward 6 Councillor

Jude Ahiaegbe

Scott Xie

11	0	6
17	0	0

Note: Don't Know indicated a need for more information before deciding.

Our thanks to the candidates who took the time to share their views and for their service to our community.



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Total Responses to Questions #1 - 6 (15 Respondents)

PART A: STRENGTHENING MARKHAM'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
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1) Increasing Markham's Environmental Stewardship Capabilities

Markham Council has passed a series of important environmental policies but recent evidence suggests there are not adequate staff resources available to effectively implement the policies.

- a) The Urban Forest Plan (2026) estimated Markham's canopy cover at 18.5%, well below the long-term goal of 30% and lower than other cities in York Region.

Do you support staff's recommendations for additional staff to support building and strengthening Markham's Urban

14	1	1
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- b) In 2026, staff reported they only have the resources to manage 6-7 of the 41 invasive species identified to be of concern in Markham's Invasive Plant Species Management Plan.

Do you support increasing the resources needed to manage the invasive plants in Markham's Greenway System?

14	0	2
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- c) The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) has recommended that Markham Council adopt the policies to make Markham a "Bird Friendly" city.

Will you support efforts to make Markham a "Bird Friendly" City?

14	0	1
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2) Enabling Community Stewardship Programs

- a) The City of Ottawa has an extensive volunteer program that supports community groups that care for community gardens, create pollinator gardens throughout the city or remove invasive plant species from city parks. The City of Toronto has authorized volunteers with the Toronto Nature Stewards (TNS) to remove invasive plants from over 50 Toronto parks.

Do you believe Markham should do more to support community-led stewardship programs in Markham's Parks?

15	0	1
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- b) Markham staff are reviewing FOSLP's request for approval for a 2-year pilot program to remove certain invasive plants from Swan Lake Park.

Will you support FOSLP's request for a pilot program to remove certain invasive plants from Swan Lake Park?

14	0	2
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PART B: MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF MT. JOY DEVELOPMENT ON LOCAL PARKS

Markham Council has approved the redevelopment of the Mount Joy area which will provide homes for up to 25,000 new residents. Developers are promoting the Mount Joy Community Centre and local parks such as Swan Lake Park as community highlights.

3) Addressing the Impact of the Mount Joy Redevelopment on Local Parks

- a) *Will you support upgrades and new amenities in the Mount Joy Community Centre to support new residents?* 14 2 0
- b) *Will you support investments in local parks to accommodate the influx of new residents?* 15 1 0
- c) *Do you support additional road access into Mt. Joy Community Centre (eg: extending Edward Jeffries Ave.)* 7 1 8

4) Preserving the Biodiversity of Swan Lake Park

- a) *Are you concerned about the impact the increase in visitor traffic will have on the loss of birds and biodiversity of Swan Lake Park?* 11 2 3
- b) *Do you believe Markham should be doing more to preserve the bird and wildlife habitat in Swan Lake Park?* 15 0 1
- c) *Will you support conversion of the open lawn areas along Williamson Road to "Natural Spaces, Wildlife Places" if it would help support the biodiversity of the park?* 11 0 5

PART C: RECLASSIFICATION UNDER MARKHAM'S OFFICIAL PLAN

- 5) In 2025, the Markham Subcommittee recommended that staff review the current classification of Swan Lake Park under Markham's Official Plan.
- a) Swan Lake Park is currently classified as "Other Greenway Lands" under the Greenway System. FOSLP believes both Swan Lake Park and Swan Lake satisfy the criteria to be classified as Natural Heritage Lands under the Greenway System.

Natural Heritage status is given to areas that contain natural features and serve as corridors for natural migration. Most of Swan Lake Park is categorized as "Natural Spaces, Wildlife Places", meaning no mowing or spraying and "letting nature do its thing". Recent staff analysis confirms the significance of groundwater on the lake dynamics.

Will you support designating Swan Lake and Swan Lake Park as Natural Heritage areas?

13 0 3

- b) Under Markham's park system, Swan Lake Park is classified as a "Community Park". Community parks typically include playgrounds, skate parks, basketball or tennis courts. Though it contains a small children's playground area, most of Swan Lake Park is categorized as "Natural Spaces, Wildlife Places", meaning no mowing or spraying and "letting nature do its thing".

Friends of Swan Lake Park have recommended that Swan Lake Park be designated as a "City-wide Special Purpose Park", a designation given to areas that preserve natural heritage features.

Will you support having Swan Lake Park declared a "City-wide Special Purpose Park" under Markham's Official Plan?

13 1 2

6) Additional Amenities for Swan Lake Park

The following new amenities have been discussed to support the increased visitor traffic in Swan Lake Park.



- a) Building upon the shoreline enhancement recommendations of the TRCA, FOSLP recommended two recreational nodes be added to provide visitors improved access to the lake. (est. \$360,000)

Y	N	DK
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Will you support features such as recreational nodes to enhance shoreline access for park visitors?

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- b) The original park plan proposed a dock area near the western shoreline. FOSLP has recommended the installation of an elevated viewing platform on the western shoreline of the lake (estimated cost \$225,000).

Will you support installation of a raised viewing platform on the western shoreline?

9	2	5
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- c) Markham has established Forest Therapy areas for relaxing and reflecting with nature.

Will you support the creation of a "Forest Therapy" area in the raised wooded areas in Swan Lake Park?

16	0	0
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- d) There is limited parking near Swan Lake Park. The original plan for Swan Lake Park included a parking lot on the south-west corner along Williamson Road.

Will you support additional parking within Swan Lake Park?

6	5	4
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Responses to Question #7

#7) Please share your views on what Markham could be doing to enhance the environmental stewardship of the Greenway System.

Mayoral Candidate

- **Stephen Edgell**

I support Markham's efforts to enhance environmental stewardship. I agree that hiring additional staff is an important step, as well as empowering community groups. Providing access to natural areas in a way that preserves and enhances biodiversity requires a careful balancing act. I am concerned about the overuse of road salt both in general and for Swan Lake Park specifically. Hard surfaces such as parking lots should be carefully sited to avoid runoff into the waterways, which is part of why I'm wary of adding parking at Swan Lake. I'd prefer to encourage visitors to arrive by other types of transportation.

Regional Councillor Candidates

- **Amanda Collucci**

As Chair of Markham's Environmental and Sustainability Committee, I believe environmental stewardship must be supported by clear plans, adequate resources and measurable results. Markham should strengthen its urban forest, restore natural habitats, manage invasive species and expand partnerships with residents and community organizations. Development near the Greenway System must be accompanied by investments that protect biodiversity, water quality and ecological connectivity. Community stewardship can play an important role, provided volunteers receive appropriate training, oversight and support from qualified City staff.

- **Don Hamilton**

- **Protect and restore natural habitats:** Increase the number of native trees and plantings along Greenways to support biodiversity and improve habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.
- **Improve water management:** Use rain gardens, bioswales, and other green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff and protect local waterways.
- **Control invasive species:** Develop regular monitoring and removal programs to prevent invasive plants from displacing native species.
- **Promote sustainable maintenance:** Minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides, and excessive irrigation while using environmentally friendly landscaping practices.
- **Engage the community:** Create volunteer programs, educational signage, and stewardship events that encourage residents to participate in protecting and maintaining the Greenway system.
- **Enhance climate resilience:** Increase tree canopy and shade along trails to reduce urban heat, improve air quality, and make the Greenway system more resilient to climate change.

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• Jack Heath

I don't think the City understands the treasure which is Swan Lake Park. I hope we can establish a chain of major parks in Markham, Fred Peters has the proper terminology, to put more accent on the great parks we have - Rouge National Urban Park, Swan Lake, Milne and two or three others, the major parks. Water pollution is an ongoing issue and more still needs to be done. I could go on!

• Alan Ho

- 1) Invest more in restoration, not just maintenance (ex. invasive species removal and reforestation tied into programs like Trees for Tomorrow.
- 2) Formalize community stewardship using the Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (ex. city staff providing training and tools for residents and school groups to help with monitoring, litter cleanup, native planting etc.)
- 3) Better monitoring and public reporting by publishing an annual "State of the Greenway System report" so residents and council can see whether efforts are working.

• Michael Huang

Markham should prioritize invasive-species control, native habitat restoration and well-managed community stewardship. I support FOSLP's two-year pilot with appropriate training, supervision, a defined budget and measurable results. I also support targeted funding for scientific research with clear objectives, transparent costs and publicly available findings.

Bird Friendly policies, lawn naturalization and forest therapy should emphasize practical, low-impact measures. My support for forest therapy is for using existing woodland and trails, not a new capital-intensive facility.

• Joe Li

Implement underground Automatic Waste Collection Systems for new high-rises bordering the Greenway. Having worked on advancing this technology for 16 years, I believe it is an important opportunity for Markham to embrace sustainable infrastructure and apply global best practices to the growth of our city.





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- **Jim Jones**

The Greenway System must be protected. We can attract more volunteers to assist in environmental stewardship.

- **Ivy Lee**

I support responsible environmental stewardship of Markham's Greenway System, including protecting natural areas, wildlife habitat and the Urban Forest. I support practical, evidence-based initiatives with community input, while considering environmental benefits, costs and long-term maintenance.

- **Richard Tranquada**

On this point I am not an expert and I would like to hear more before offering a view. I am open to hearing more and welcome the opinions of experts, residents and groups like FOSLP.

Ward 3 Councillor Candidate

- **Kristan Chan**

Markham has adopted important environmental policies, but policies only make a difference when the City has the staff, resources and community partnerships needed to carry them out.

I support strengthening our urban forest, improving the management of invasive species and protecting connected habitats for birds and wildlife. I would also like Markham to create more supervised community stewardship programs. Residents and local organizations are ready to help with invasive-plant removal, native and pollinator gardens, tree planting and environmental education. The City should give them proper training, clear guidelines and staff support, while measuring and publicly reporting the results.

Ward 5 Councillor Candidate

- **Laurence Liang**

Markham's Greenway System is more than a network of natural spaces. It can serve as an important bridge between our growing communities and the wildlife that shares our environment — helping us find a responsible way for people and wildlife to coexist.

As Markham continues to grow, protecting and strengthening the Greenway System should be an important part of that coexistence. Stronger environmental stewardship can help protect natural habitats, maintain biodiversity and provide wildlife with appropriate natural areas, while helping residents better understand and safely interact with the wildlife around us.

This is also increasingly important as our neighbourhoods continue to experience encounters with wildlife. While no single measure can eliminate wildlife encounters or attacks, better protection, management and stewardship of natural areas should be considered as one part of a broader strategy to promote safer coexistence between people and wildlife.



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My priorities would include protecting natural heritage areas, improving invasive-species management, strengthening the urban forest, supporting community-led stewardship and using science and data to identify where environmental investments can have the greatest benefit.

I also believe residents should have meaningful opportunities to participate in stewardship and environmental education. When City staff, environmental organizations and residents work together, we can protect our natural environment while building a stronger understanding of how our communities can safely coexist with wildlife.

As Markham grows, environmental protection, parks, transportation and community planning should be considered together. Our goal should be communities where residents can enjoy nature, wildlife can maintain appropriate habitat, and both can thrive safely alongside one another.

Ward 6 Councillor Candidates

- **Jude Ahiaegbe**

We will need to restore damaged areas, connect wildlife corridors, improve water quality and give residents a meaningful role in caring for it. Environmental stewardship should be measured by results: more native trees, healthier waterways, stronger biodiversity and fewer encroachments.

- **Scott Xie**

Markham should focus on strengthening natural connections between green areas and aggressively manage invasive plants through stronger monitoring.

Treating the Greenway as essential city infrastructure and using the Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund to support education, community monitoring, and public reporting would improve its long-term ecosystem health.

Responses to Question #8

#8) Please share any additional comments on your priorities for Markham's community facilities and parks.

Mayoral Candidate

- **Stephen Edgell**

Markham should seek a partnership with Parks Canada (who manage the Rouge National Urban Park) and integrate our planning so that residents and visitors can seamlessly enjoy all the nature we have to offer. I strongly support efforts to manage invasive species and enhance biodiversity.

Regional Councillor Candidates

- **Amanda Collucci**

As Markham grows, our community facilities and parks must grow with it. I support strategic investments in the Mount Joy Community Centre and surrounding parks to accommodate new



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residents while protecting Swan Lake's sensitive natural environment. Improvements should emphasize accessibility, environmental education, safe connections and opportunities to experience nature without damaging wildlife habitat. Major capital projects must be supported by sound planning, environmental review and responsible budgeting. My goal is to ensure Swan Lake Park remains both protected and welcoming—a treasured natural space for present and future generations.

- **Jack Heath**

I was the negotiator for Markham and York with Parks Canada on Rouge National Urban Park. The MOU I brought back to Council included expanding RNUP further into Markham. And affiliating some of our parks near RNUP with the National Park. If elected Regional Councillor, I'll be working on this too. PS - I am on the Bird Friendly Committee referred to above!

- **Don Hamilton**

Our community centres, parks, libraries, sports fields, pools and splash pads, trail systems, tennis and pickleball courts are well used by the residents. Any opportunity to increase amenity space is welcome. Our parks are very well used by residents. Every new community should have its own park space.

My priorities for Markham's facilities and parks are:

- Build at least one more multi-purpose community hub with a library, recreation centre, gyms, pool, youth and senior spaces, and community meeting rooms.
- Add more parks, sports fields, playgrounds, splash pads, and outdoor recreation facilities, especially in rapidly growing and higher-density neighbourhoods.
- Expand walking and cycling trails to better connect neighbourhoods, parks, schools, transit, and community facilities.
- Develop more senior-friendly facilities and programs, including accessible walking paths, indoor walking tracks, fitness and wellness programs, social spaces, arts and recreation activities, and affordable opportunities for seniors to stay active and connected.
- Develop more urban parks, community gardens, and shaded green spaces in areas with more high-rise development.
- Make new parks climate-resilient, with more trees, shade, naturalized areas and stormwater-management features.

- **Alan Ho**

1) Multi-use, flexible facilities over single-purpose buildings. I favour community hubs that combine recreational space, seniors' programming, a library branch under one roof. This creates a true neighbourhood gathering point.

2) Focusing on park quality, not just park quantity. I'd like to see more attention paid to aspects like shade trees, accessible play equipment, seating for older adults, and safe pedestrian/cycling access.

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- **Michael Huang**

Growth should be accompanied by appropriate community services without sacrificing natural areas or creating unaffordable maintenance obligations. I support investment in local parks and the proposed protective designations for Swan Lake Park, subject to the necessary planning review.

Major projects must demonstrate need, accessibility, environmental compatibility, funding sources and lifecycle costs. Growth-related investment should use development-related funding where eligible, with any remaining taxpayer contribution clearly disclosed. City projects should not be assumed to receive York Region funding without a demonstrated Regional responsibility or benefit.

- **Jim Jones**

We always want more community facilities and parks as development increases. As Chair of the Development Services Committee, I always ensure there is open green spaces in the development.

- **Joe Li**

As Vice-Chair of the York Region Environment Committee and a Director of the TRCA, I remain committed to positioning Markham as a sustainable, inclusive, and economically vibrant community. As Canada's High-Tech Capital, Markham has an opportunity to lead by example—using innovation and technology to advance environmental sustainability. Building on my achievement of implementing innovative solar-powered Transit Time Efficiency Systems, I am working to advance Automatic Waste Collection Systems and other sustainable solutions inspired by global best practices.



- **Ivy Lee**

Markham's parks and community facilities should be planned carefully as the I support protecting biodiversity and considering appropriate Natural Heritage. Proposed amenities should be evaluated for cost, accessibility, traffic and environmental as well as long-term maintenance, so decisions serve residents responsibly.



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- **Richard Tranquada**

I indicated “no” on two key questions: additional parking and road access.

I believe as part of Markham's overall planning for the future that many areas should be connected with walking and cycling paths to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Also, as part of the planning, parking should be limited to designated areas and visitors walk into those zones, such as the Swan Lake area.

An integrated plan for park visits should include traffic controls. The proposed condos on Hwy 48 should encourage walking not driving to Swan Lake.

Ward 3 Councillor Candidate

- **Kristan Chan**

As Markham grows, community facilities and parks must grow with it. New development should come with the infrastructure residents need, including community-centre capacity, accessible parks, safe walking and cycling connections, and adequate recreational space.

At the same time, not every park should be developed in the same way. Some parks should support sports and active recreation, while environmentally sensitive places such as Swan Lake Park require a lighter approach focused on habitat protection and controlled public access. New amenities should be accessible, supported by evidence and designed so that enjoying nature does not come at the expense of protecting it.

I also believe growth-related improvements should be planned responsibly and, wherever possible, funded through development-related revenues rather than placing the full burden on existing taxpayers.

Ward 5 Councillor Candidate

- **Laurence Liang**

Markham's growth must be matched by appropriate infrastructure, community facilities and services. As new residents move into the Mount Joy area and other growing communities, we need to ensure that parks, recreation facilities, community centres, transportation and pedestrian connections have the capacity to serve increased demand.

At the same time, we should carefully consider the impact that increased visitation to parks and increased use of community facilities may have on the neighbourhoods that surround them. Increased traffic, parking demand, noise, pedestrian safety, environmental pressure and other impacts should be properly assessed and addressed so that existing residents do not bear an unreasonable burden from community growth.

For Swan Lake Park and other natural areas, I believe we need to strike the right balance between conservation and public enjoyment. We should protect biodiversity and sensitive habitat while providing appropriate, accessible and well-designed opportunities for residents to connect with nature.



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I support planning parks and community facilities together with transportation and neighbourhood infrastructure, rather than addressing these needs separately. Where increased demand is expected, the City should assess capacity, traffic, parking, safety, environmental impact and the needs of surrounding residents before introducing significant new amenities or increasing visitor capacity.

My goal is to build complete communities where both new and existing residents benefit from growth, while protecting the character, safety and quality of life of established neighbourhoods.

Ward 6 Councillor Candidates

- **Jude Ahiaegbe**

Due to the fast growth of our community, I strongly believe we need to build more facilities, maintain and expand older facilities to support recreational activities.

- **Scott Xie**

Infrastructure must keep pace with growth to preserve our community's high quality of life. Development must preserve parks and green spaces where families play and walk their dogs, without sacrificing the plant and animal ecosystems essential to our community's well-being. Also upgrading older facilities to be more energy efficient and useful for all ages, add practical amenities like shade, inclusive and accessible playground equipment and animal and pet-friendly amenities; and better connect local parks to trails.



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APPENDIX: Individual Candidate Responses Question 1- 6

Responses by Mayoral and Ward Councillors

 Friends of Swan Lake Park 2026 Candidate Survey (Sept 23, 2026)	Candidate for Mayor	Ward 3 Councillor	Ward 5 Councillor	Ward 6 Councillor	
	Stephen Edgell	Kristian Chan	Laurence Liang	Jade Ahiaegbe	Scott Xie
1) Increasing Markham's Environmental Stewardship Capabilities					
a) Do you support staff's recommendations for additional staff to support building and strengthening Markham's Urban Forest?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b) Do you support increasing the resources needed to manage the invasive plants in Markham's Greenway System?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c) Will you support efforts to make Markham a "Bird Friendly" City?		Yes	Yes	DK	Yes
2) Enabling Community Stewardship Programs					
a) Do you believe Markham should do more to support community-led stewardship programs in Markham's Parks?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b) Will you support FOSLP's request for a pilot program to remove certain invasive plants from Swan Lake Park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3) Addressing the Impact of the Mount Joy Redevelopment					
a) Will you support upgrades and new amenities in the Mount Joy Community Centre to support new residents?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b) Will you support investments in local parks to accommodate the influx of new residents?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c) Do you support additional road access into Mt. Joy Community Centre (eg: extending Edward Jeffries Ave.)	DK	Yes	DK	DK	Yes
4) Preserving the Biodiversity of Swan Lake Park					
a) Are you concerned about the impact the increase in visitor traffic will have on the loss of birds and biodiversity of Swan Lake Park?	No	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes
b) Do you believe Markham should be doing more to preserve the bird and wildlife habitat in Swan Lake Park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c) Will you support conversion of the open lawn areas along Williamson Road to "Natural Spaces, Wildlife Places" if it would help support the biodiversity of the park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5) Reclassification Under Markham's Official Plan					
a) Will you support designating Swan Lake and Swan Lake Park as Natural Heritage areas?	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes	Yes
b) Will you support having Swan Lake Park declared a "City-wide Special Purpose Park" under Markham's Official Plan?	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes
6) Additional Amenities for Swan Lake Park					
a) Will you support features such as recreational nodes to enhance shoreline access for park visitors?	DK	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes
b) Will you support installation of a raised viewing platform on the western shoreline?	DK	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes
c) Will you support the creation of a "Forest Therapy" area in the raised wooded areas in Swan Lake Park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
d) Will you support additional parking within Swan Lake Park?	No		No	Yes	Yes
Total Yes	11	16	14	11	17
Total No	2	0	1	0	0
Total Don't Know (DK)	3	0	2	6	0



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Responses by Candidates for Regional Council

 Friends of SWAN LAKE PARK 2026 Candidate Survey (Sept 23, 2026)	Candidates for Regional Councillor (4 Positions)											
	Paul Chiang	Amanda Collucci	Don Hamitto	Jack Heath	Alan Ho	Michael Huang	Joe Li	Jim Jones	Ivy Lee	Joe Tay	Richard Tranquada	
1) Increasing Markham's Environmental Stewardship Capabilities												
a) Do you support staff's recommendations for additional staff to support building and strengthening Markham's Urban Forest?	DK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
b) Do you support increasing the resources needed to manage the invasive plants in Markham's Greenway System?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	DK	Yes	
c) Will you support efforts to make Markham a "Bird Friendly" City?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2) Enabling Community Stewardship Programs												
a) Do you believe Markham should do more to support community-led stewardship programs in Markham's Parks?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes	Yes	
b) Will you support FOSLP's request for a pilot program to remove certain invasive plants from Swan Lake Park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	DK	Yes	Yes	
3) Addressing the Impact of the Mount Joy Redevelopment												
a) Will you support upgrades and new amenities in the Mount Joy Community Centre to support new residents?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
b) Will you support investments in local parks to accommodate the influx of new residents?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
c) Do you support additional road access into Mt. Joy Community Centre (eg: extending Edward Jeffries Ave.)	Yes	DK	Yes	DK	Yes	No	Yes	DK	Yes	DK	DK	
4) Preserving the Biodiversity of Swan Lake Park												
a) Are you concerned about the impact the increase in visitor traffic will have on the loss of birds and biodiversity of Swan Lake Park?	DK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes	No	Yes	
b) Do you believe Markham should be doing more to preserve the bird and wildlife habitat in Swan Lake Park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes	Yes	Yes	
c) Will you support conversion of the open lawn areas along Williamson Road to “Natural Spaces, Wildlife Places” if it would help support the biodiversity of the park?	DK	Yes	Yes	DK	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	DK	DK	Yes	
5) Reclassification Under Markham's Official Plan												
a) Will you support designating Swan Lake and Swan Lake Park as Natural Heritage areas?	DK	Yes	DK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
b) Will you support having Swan Lake Park declared a “City-wide Special Purpose Park” under Markham’s Official Plan?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK	No	Yes	Yes	
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a) Will you support features such as recreational nodes to enhance shoreline access for park visitors?	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	DK	DK	Yes	
b) Will you support installation of a raised viewing platform on the western shoreline?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	DK	Yes	DK	DK	Yes	
c) Will you support the creation of a “Forest Therapy” area in the raised wooded areas in Swan Lake Park?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
d) Will you support additional parking within Swan Lake Park?	DK	No	DK	DK	Yes	No	Yes	DK	Yes	Yes	No	
Total Yes	12	15	13	14	17	11	16	10	8	11	15	
Total No	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	3	1	1	
Total Don't Know (DK)	5	1	2	3	0	0	1	7	6	5	1	