

#14. 6th October...All Candidates now confirmed...TVA French Debate...Local events coming up...Bloomberg update on Energy & Environment positions of Parties.

Federal Candidates Update...Now all Candidates confirmed

Richmond Hill Candidates

Liberal (incumbent)...Majid Jowhari
Conservative...Costas Menegakis
NDP..Adam DeVita
Green...Iccha Kohil
PCP... Igor D. Tvorogov

Aurora Oak Ridges Candidates

Conservative (Incumbent)...Leona Alleslev
Liberal...Leah Taylor Roy
NDP...Aaron Brown
Green...Timothy Flemming
PCP... Anil Dasaratha

Congratulations to Adam deVita on his selection as Candidate for the NDP in Richmond Hill Riding!!

French Debate run by TVA

Scheer in the hot seat, Blanchet on the offensive during TVA French leader's debate.

Last night saw Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh and Bloc Québécois Leader Yves-François Blanchet battle it out in French in a debate on TVA.

Bill 21, the environment, the economy and Quebec's place in Canada dominated the debate.

TVA reaches a large audience of francophones outside of Montreal — key voters for the Liberals if they want to make up for potential losses elsewhere, and crucial to Blanchet, who is hoping the Bloc can make major gains this election.

The debate saw Scheer defending himself on multiple fronts, as the three leaders pressed him to define his personal views on abortion and medically assisted dying.

Scheer also faced pointed questions on his climate policies and the potential for a Conservative government to impose a pipeline on Quebec.

Trudeau was also put on the defensive regarding his decision to buy the Trans Mountain pipeline, with moderator Pierre Bruneau asking him if he “betrayed” Canadians with that decision. He was also caught off guard by Scheer's accusation of hypocrisy for having two planes on his campaign tour while promising to cut Canada's carbon emissions. After the debate, Trudeau confirmed his party is using two planes, but said, in contrast to the Conservatives, the Liberals are purchasing carbon offset credits for all of the campaign transportation.

Singh came out strong, mounting aggressive attacks on Scheer and Trudeau and promising he'd fight for "asymmetrical" federalism to ensure Quebec's uniqueness is

better represented in the federation. He promised to help the province better integrate newcomers into French culture so as to protect the language's place in Canada.

But the dominant force of the night was Blanchet — who came out swinging to prove he would fight for Quebecers in Ottawa.

He attacked Scheer for his rhetoric during the SNC-Lavalin affair and chastised him for not standing up for the company's Quebec workers.

He said he wants to ensure the federal government doesn't intervene in a legal fight to end Quebec's secularism law, which forces public servants to remove religious garb while on the job.

And he said the best way to ensure Quebec's voice is heard within Canada is to send more Bloc MPs to Ottawa, ending the night with a pitch for voters in Quebec to vote for people who will defend the province.

Oct 5, 1-3pm: Targeting Climate Change meeting in Richmond Hill

"The Targeting Climate Change event is a place for our community to come together whether you know a little or a lot about climate change. You can learn more with our Climate 101 discussion or come to find expertise and advice. Either way you will leave knowing that you are not alone in your concern for this issue." [More details and registration here.](#)

Oct 7, 7-9pm: Federal Leaders Debate **Televised debate of all party leaders in English** **7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m**

Oct 16, 7-8:30pm: Federal Election - All Candidates Debate in Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill riding

Oak Ridges Community Centre
12895 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3G2

Here is our chance to ask Climate Change questions to our federal candidates in the Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill riding!

Make sure your voice is heard and that we let our candidates know that the Climate Crisis is the #1 issue for voters in the upcoming election!

From “Neighbours for the Planet”

Canadians rally across country to call for bolder action on climate change

"Hundreds of thousands of Canadians attended marches across the country to urge government and corporate leaders to address climate change.

The grassroots groups behind the Canadian marches have specific demands, including refusing any new oil and gas projects and cutting emissions to be just one quarter of what they were in 2005 by 2030.

"As a collective of young people from across the country, we aim to steer Canadian society off our current path of ecological and social catastrophe," says the mandate of Climate Strike Canada, one of the groups spearheading the marches. "Drastic climate action is the only option for humanity."

"Toronto city council voted unanimously in favour of “declaring a climate emergency and accelerating Toronto’s climate action plan.”

The vote happened just before noon on Wednesday, and all 25 city councillors were in favour of the motion.

During the council meeting, councillors spoke about the most recent climate change rallies happening across the globe, including the climate strike march that took place on Friday in the downtown core.

"[This motion] recognizes the climate emergency just as I'd say the 100,000 people that marched on Friday were recognizing the climate emergency, asked us to step up and do that," Coun. Paula Fletcher said during the council meeting."

How China is driving the future of electric cars”