

Incumbents returned to serve King residents

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While the Kathleen Wynne Liberals swept to a majority government Thursday night, the incumbents serving King residents remained strong and held their seats.

The Liberal majority, with 59 seats, came at the expense of the Tories, who ended up with 27. The NDP's results were unchanged at 21 seats.

Liberal incumbent for Oak Ridges-Markham Dr. Helena Jaczek was returned to Queen's Park. It wasn't a breeze, though, as PC candidate Farid Wassef was nipping at her heels all night long as poll results came in. Jaczek won with 36,858 votes or 45.5% of the vote. Wassef earned 30,259 or 37.4% of the vote.

NDP candidate Miles Krauter took third with 9,483 votes, or an 11.7% share.

Green Party candidate Emilia Melara pulled in 2,762 votes for a 3.4% share.

Libertarian Karl Boelling picked up 1,384 votes, or 1.7%.

Gennady Vilensky, a Trillium Party candidate, gathered 233 votes, or a .3% share.

Voters in York-Simcoe returned PC's Julia Munro once more, her sixth victory since 1995.

It wasn't a cakewalk for her either, as Liberal candidate Lorelea Carruthers had a strong showing.

Munro won with 19,012 votes and a 40.4% share, while Carruthers earned 16,240 and 34.5% of the vote.

NDP candidate Laura Bowman was third with 8,411 votes, a 17.9% share of the vote.

Green Party candidate Peter Elgie earned 2,952 votes or 6.3%.

Libertarian Craig Wallace collected 417 votes or a .9% share.