



Gingerbread cookies customized at Stouffville A & P, featuring federal party leaders, are the subject of a national pre-election poll.

# Cookie wars: Martin, Harper in dead heat

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soundly defeated.” Some hungry Canadians simply prefer a headless leader. As of today, it’s a dead heat between the top two. Martin and Harper each lost their heads to the tune of 40 per cent. Jumpin’ Jack Layton’s head is being devoured by nearly 20 per cent, while that silver-haired gingerbread from Quebec is trailing far behind. Few want a stand-alone gingerbread.

One tired Canadian ate the gingerbreads’ feet, suggesting he doesn’t want any of them to run again.

Funny thing is happening with this poll. Poor Stephen Harper ate his own head, got a terrible belly ache and had to eat Jack Layton for relief. Paul Martin watched this sad event and ended up laughing his own head off. He went to a nearby hospital: Gilles Duceppe was the doctor on-call.

Canada’s journalists are writing and talking about the poll.

CTV pundit Mike Duffy had fun with the cookies on air.

CityTV’s Breakfast Television talk show hosts and guests have feasted on the gingerbread men, CHUM FM and AM 640 have filled their bellies with all four leaders and guess what BITE TV did? In full view of Canada, they swallowed the gingerbread men whole.

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Each week, we’ll ask members of our panels across the region to share their opinions about an event or issue in the campaign.

All that’s required is a genuine interest in the federal election and a willingness to write a brief response to a question on a weekly basis.

Each week, all the responses will be posted online at [election.yorkregion.com](http://election.yorkregion.com) and we’ll also publish a “best of the web” selection in the newspaper.

To be considered for the panel, send a brief outline about why you’d like to be on the panel to Ted McFadden at [tmc-fadden@yrmg.com](mailto:tmc-fadden@yrmg.com) by Dec. 30

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