



Conservative Paul Calandra and Liberal Jane Philpott are the frontrunners locally, experts and polls say.

Markham-Stouffville riding 'real toss-up'

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Calandra's actions in the House of Commons, according to Aquanno.

"It's all about winning the election and not what's good for society," said Marc Menard, a professor of Canadian politics at Seneca College, York Region's community college.

Menard also agreed with Aquanno in that Calandra's actions in parliament may not resonate well with everyone.

But he also noted the new riding is "a real toss-up". Calandra may also get swept up in the current mentality of "anybody but Conservative."

Part of that attitude can be attributed to the Conservatives being in power for nine years and people are getting tired of their government and their policies, according to Menard.

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The Duffy trial, reaction to the Syrian crisis and the economy may also perpetuate the "anybody but Conservative" attitude among Canadians, according to Aquanno.

"When the economy sputters, the incumbent takes the heat, rightly or wrongly," he said.

The Conservatives have between 25 and 40 per cent of the voters, according to Aquanno, who said he doesn't expect that number to grow.

Menard called the Conservative followers, who are older, "loyal to a fault" and said the other 50 per cent of voters are undecided and shopping around, which may create more strategic voting if the public does not want another Conservative government.

This leaves the Liberals and NDP trying to appeal to the undecided voter, he said.

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"There will be lots of upsets," he said, adding this election is more exciting than many sporting events.

"Apathy can significantly shift the outcome of this election," Aquanno said, noting this should be a wake-up call for people who view elections as a waste of time. He is predicting a minority government.

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All four candidates — Paul Calandra (Conservative), Dr. Jane Philpott (Liberal), Gregory Hines (NDP) and Myles O'Brien (Green) — have confirmed their attendance at an all-candidates meeting. It takes place Oct. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church. The Tenth Line church's auditorium seats 400.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and York Region Media Group will co-host the meeting.

Election day is Oct. 19.

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