



## **Yvonne MacKie**

Candidate, Newmarket Aurora

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Yvonne MacKie, born in England, has been an environmentalist and animal lover since childhood. After reading Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, Yvonne became concerned if dead butterflies and bees on the road beside farmers' fields were killed by insecticide.

Yvonne married and moved to Canada to begin a family. As a teacher Yvonne never missed an opportunity to pass on the message about respect for animals and the environment. A favourite with her students was the study on rainforests, decorating the classroom, studying the animals and plants, and concluding with a fundraiser to help preserve the Monteverde cloud forest in Costa Rica.

Yvonne often took classes to local woodlands and ponds to study and observe. So when a local forest in Newmarket was bought by a developer, Yvonne fought to save it and ran for town council on this platform (receiving 2000 votes but not enough to win a seat on council).

Most of the cats that came into Yvonne's care were foundlings, coming to her door in the winter as homeless flea-covered strays. She once found two tiny kittens near the roadside as she drove home from work. She found their den and over the course of 10 days worked to gain their trust so she could gather them all to bring home.

Over the years, Yvonne cared for two gentle lovable mixed-breed dogs who patiently put up with the felines in their home.

A member of Animal Alliance since the group's formation, Yvonne hopes to bring awareness to animal issues during her campaign.

Yvonne is running in the 41<sup>st</sup> General Election in the riding of Newmarket Aurora.