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SILENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES: 57% of Greater Moncton Candidates Ignored Public Safety Survey

GREATER MONCTON, NB — The Enough is Enough Coalition today released the full results of its All-Candidate Survey, sent to all 62 municipal election candidates across Moncton, Riverview, and Dieppe ahead of the May 11, 2026 election.

Of 62 candidates, 36 did not respond at a time when residents and business owners across Greater Moncton have reported rising crime, break-ins, theft, assaults, and persistent harassment. Of those who did respond, a further 7 candidates declined to call public safety a crisis. Combined, 43 of 62 candidates — nearly 70% — either ignored the survey entirely or failed to demonstrate urgency on public safety.

“The coalition sent this survey to every candidate because voters deserve to know where their future representatives stand on public safety before they cast their ballots,” said Patrick Gillespie, spokesperson for the Enough is Enough Coalition. “Silence is not neutral. Silence sends a strong message. And on election day, voters should remember who chose not to answer or who believes this is not one of the most important issues our community is facing.”

CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT RESPOND

The following 36 candidates did not respond to the survey. The Enough is Enough Coalition calls on voters to take this silence into account on election day.

City of Moncton — Non-Respondents

Mayor: Shawn Crossman — *Crossman has made public safety a centrepiece of his mayoral campaign, repeatedly and publicly stating it is a top priority. He did not respond to the only survey sent to every candidate specifically focused on that issue. Voters must ask a simple question: if he won't answer for his position before the election, what reason is there to believe he will after?*

Mayor: Jeffrey McCluskey

Council At Large: Marty Kingston (incumbent), Greg Turner

Council Ward 2: Marc Leger

Council Ward 3: Bryan Butler (incumbent), Dave Steeves (incumbent),

Council Ward 4: Paul Richard (incumbent)

City of Dieppe — Non-Respondents

Dieppe's near-total silence is the most alarming finding in this survey. Only 1 of 17 candidates responded. Mayoral candidate Michel Melanson responded though his response dismissed the existence of a public safety crisis. Every single Dieppe council candidate ignored the survey. Ernest Thibodeau, an incumbent councillor running for Mayor, couldn't find the 6 minutes necessary to respond. Hélène Boudreau, also running for Mayor, did not respond. The residents and businesses of Greater Moncton deserve to know: does Dieppe's incoming council intend to be a partner in addressing regional public safety, or not?

Mayor: Hélène Boudreau, Ernest Thibodeau

Council At Large: Mark Black, Mélyssa Boudreau-Janin (incumbent), Jean Dubé, René Ephestion, Léo Y LeBlanc, Jacob Levesque

Council Ward 1: Jean-Marc Brideau (incumbent), Bernard J. Leblanc, Roland LeBlanc

Council Ward 2: Gille Savoie (acclaimed)

Council Ward 3: Marc Lanteigne (incumbent, acclaimed)

Council Ward 4: Philippe Caouette (acclaimed)

Council Ward 5: Yvon Johnson, Roger LeBlanc

Town of Riverview — Non-Respondents

Council At Large: Lynda Case-Carey, Cecile Cassista (incumbent), Joe Gangoo, Stephen Gouzoules (incumbent), Glenn Miller

Council Ward 1: Alexander (Alex) Gagné

Council Ward 2: Jessica Bourque, Jamie Comeau

Council Ward 3: Jeremy Thorne (incumbent)

Council Ward 4: Kent MacDonald, Dennis Woods

INCUMBENTS WHO WENT SILENT

These are not first-time candidates unfamiliar with public accountability. These are sitting elected officials who have already voted against adding additional policing resources for Greater Moncton. Their further silence on this survey further validates their unwillingness to address this growing problem.

Moncton: Marty Kingston (Council At Large), Bryan Butler (Council Ward 3), Dave Steeves (Council Ward 3), Paul Richard (Council Ward 4)

Dieppe: Mélyssa Boudreau-Janin (Council At Large, incumbent), Jean-Marc Brideau (Council Ward 1, incumbent), Gilles Savoie, (Council Ward 2 Acclaimed) Marc Lanteigne (Council Ward 3, acclaimed)

Riverview: Cecile Cassista (Council At Large), Stephen Gouzoules (Council At Large), Jeremy Thorne (Council Ward 3)

CANDIDATES WHO BELIEVE CRIME IS NOT A CRISIS

Of those that did respond, the following respondents refused to characterize public safety as a crisis, or declined to commit to basic accountability measures. Voters should weigh these positions against the lived experience of their neighbours, their businesses, and their community when voting.

- **Daniel Bourgeois (Moncton Council Ward 2, incumbent)** — Characterized the situation as “adequately managed,” cited declining crime rates since 2021, and used his survey response to defend the council’s unanimous vote to reject the CRPA’s resource request.
- **Todd Hansen (Moncton Council Ward 2)** — Characterized the situation as “adequately managed.” Provided no explanation.
- **Ana Larade (Moncton Council At Large)** — Characterized the situation as “adequately managed,” acknowledging challenges but declining to call them a crisis.
- **Kristin Cavoukian (Moncton Council Ward 2)** — Selected “unsure / I need more information” on whether crime is a crisis, and declined to commit to publicly reporting on public safety actions within her first 90 days in office.
- **Michel Melanson (Dieppe Mayor)** — The only Dieppe candidate to respond. Selected “unsure” across multiple questions and refused to commit to a 90-day public accountability report.
- **Richard Blackstock (Riverview Council Ward 1, incumbent)** — Characterized the situation as “adequately managed,” citing promising early results from the Car 67 mental health initiative as evidence that existing efforts are sufficient.
- **Scott Grant (Riverview Council Ward 4)** — Characterized the situation as “adequately managed,” stating he would want to know more facts before assessing appropriate action.

Among the 26 candidates who completed the survey, several findings stand out:

- 19 of 26 respondents (73%) identified public safety as a crisis requiring urgent action. The remaining 7 characterized it as “adequately managed” or said they were unsure — a position that is difficult to reconcile with the daily experience of residents and business owners across Greater Moncton.
- 24 of 26 respondents (92%) committed to publicly reporting on public safety actions within their first 90 days in office. Michel Melanson (Dieppe Mayor) and Kristin Cavoukian (Moncton Council Ward 2) did not make that commitment.

- The large majority of respondents agreed that current crime reporting does not adequately capture residents' lived experience and called for expanded, transparent public reporting.
- All 26 respondents expressed support — in full or with conditions — for a formal, multi-stakeholder crime reduction strategy with measurable targets and transparent public reporting, the central demand of the Enough is Enough Coalition.
- Not a single Dieppe council candidate responded — raising serious questions about whether Dieppe's incoming council will be a meaningful partner in any regional public safety strategy.

THE COALITION'S MESSAGE TO VOTERS

On election day, remember those who don't think crime is an issue or couldn't be bothered to respond. These are the people who will not solve the issue if elected.

The full survey responses for all 26 respondents are publicly available at enoughisenoughmoncton.ca. The Enough is Enough Coalition has over 3,000 petition signatories and represents business owners, residents, and community organizations across Greater Moncton who are demanding measurable, coordinated action on public safety — not silence.

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SURVEY RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Municipality / Race	Candidates	Responded	No Response	Not a Crisis	No 90-Day Commit
Moncton — Mayor	4	2	2	0	0
Moncton — Council	23	16	7	4	1
Dieppe — Mayor	3	1	2	1	1
Dieppe — Council	14	0	14	N/A	N/A
Riverview — Mayor	1	1†	0	0	0
Riverview — Council	17	6	11	2	0
TOTAL	62	26	36	7	2

† Andrew J. LeBlanc (Riverview Mayor) ran by acclamation and responded to the survey.

ABOUT THE ENOUGH IS ENOUGH COALITION

The Enough is Enough Coalition is a business-led public safety advocacy group representing residents and business owners across Moncton, Dieppe, and Riverview. The coalition has more than 3,000 petition signatories and is calling on all levels of government to formally acknowledge the public safety crisis in Greater Moncton and commit to a coordinated, measurable crime reduction strategy with transparent reporting and accountability mechanisms.