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HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than two thirds, approve of city council lifting the long-standing and controversial ban on street hockey (69%) When asked if they thought the goal of zero cyclist or pedestrian traffic deaths in five years was achievable or not, the majority said not (54%)
- Disapproval of lifting the ban comes from the oldest (27%) and least wealthy (often a proxy for age - 38%)
- "Once again, a simple city policy issue becomes political, and we see one camp in the city arena in favour of this idea, and one opposed. Frankly, dropping this ban has been discussed for so long, it has clearly been followed more in the breach than the observance"

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Strong Approval For Lifting Ban On Street Hockey

Move opposed by oldest, Doug Ford voters

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 868 Toronto voters, the wide majority, more than two thirds, approve of city council lifting the long-standing and controversial ban on street hockey (69%). Just one fifth do not approve of lifting the ban (21%), while one tenth have no opinion (10%).

Disapproval of lifting the ban comes from the oldest (27%) and least wealthy (often a proxy for age - 38%), and the slightly wealthier (\$20K to \$40K - 26%), in North York and York (25% each), Scarborough (26%), among the least educated (29%) and Doug Ford voters from the last election (30%). Interestingly, cyclists and pedestrians are almost universally in favour of the move (91% and 88%, respectively).

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 868 randomly selected Toronto adults. The poll was conducted on July 18th, 2016.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Street Hockey Approval

City council has struck down the ban against playing street hockey in Toronto. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Age / Gender

| % | Total | 18-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ | Male | Female |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Sample | 868 | 186 | 133 | 186 | 168 | 195 | 419 | 426 |
| Approve | 69 | 72 | 73 | 63 | 70 | 65 | 70 | 69 |
| Disapprove | 21 | 20 | 16 | 25 | 22 | 27 | 21 | 21 |
| Don't know | 10 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 10 |

Income

| % | Total | <20K | 20-40K | 40-60K | 60-80K | 80-100K | 100-250K |
|------------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Sample | 868 | 86 | 110 | 125 | 102 | 99 | 171 |
| Approve | 69 | 49 | 65 | 61 | 82 | 73 | 75 |
| Disapprove | 21 | 38 | 26 | 24 | 14 | 19 | 16 |
| Don't know | 10 | 12 | 9 | 15 | 4 | 8 | 8 |

Region

| % | Total | Former City of Toronto | East York | North York | Etobicoke | York | Scarborough |
|------------|-------|------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------|-------------|
| Sample | 868 | 301 | 65 | 158 | 117 | 67 | 160 |
| Approve | 69 | 81 | 79 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 64 |
| Disapprove | 21 | 13 | 14 | 25 | 20 | 26 | 26 |
| Don't know | 10 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 8 | 10 |

Mode of Transportation

| % | Total | Private vehicle | Public transit | Bicycle | Walking | Some other way | Don't travel to work or school |
|------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Sample | 868 | 319 | 272 | 46 | 60 | 29 | 142 |
| Approve | 69 | 69 | 65 | 91 | 88 | 55 | 68 |
| Disapprove | 21 | 21 | 23 | 5 | 9 | 36 | 23 |
| Don't know | 10 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 9 |

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Past Mayoral Vote Preference

| % | Total | Doug Ford | John Tory | Olivia Chow | Someone else |
|------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Sample | 868 | 142 | 353 | 143 | 52 |
| Approve | 69 | 59 | 78 | 82 | 64 |
| Disapprove | 21 | 30 | 15 | 12 | 27 |
| Don't know | 10 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 9 |

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