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One half agree it is impossible to build on time, on budget in Toronto

Agreement highest among youngest, least wealthy, wealthiest

TORONTO, March 15th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 520 Toronto voters, one half agree with the proposition that it is impossible to complete large public projects in Toronto on time and on budget (48%), and this view is especially common to the youngest (57%), the least wealthy (56%), the wealthier (\$80K to \$100K - 63%) and provincial PC voters (57%). Disagreement with this position is especially common to mid income groups (\$40K to \$60K - 45%), property owners (45%) and Olivia Chow voters (48%).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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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 520 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on March 10th, 2015.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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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Impossible to Complete Large Public Construction Projects on Budget or on Schedule in Toronto

‘Do you agree or disagree it is impossible to complete large public construction projects on budget or on schedule in Toronto?’

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	520	122	100	114	97	87	267	253
Agree	48	57	47	40	42	45	44	51
Disagree	37	29	40	43	44	33	44	30
Don't know	16	15	12	16	14	22	12	19

Region

%	Total	Toronto or East York	North York	Etobicoke or York	Scarborough
Sample	520	206	96	117	101
Agree	48	51	45	54	40
Disagree	37	38	38	33	37
Don't know	16	11	17	13	23

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	520	64	69	64	62	53	99	20
Agree	48	56	44	30	51	63	49	54
Disagree	37	29	31	45	36	31	43	46
Don't know	16	14	25	25	13	6	9	0

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	520	89	203	92	29
Agree	48	51	47	35	60
Disagree	37	33	41	48	26
Don't know	16	16	12	16	14

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