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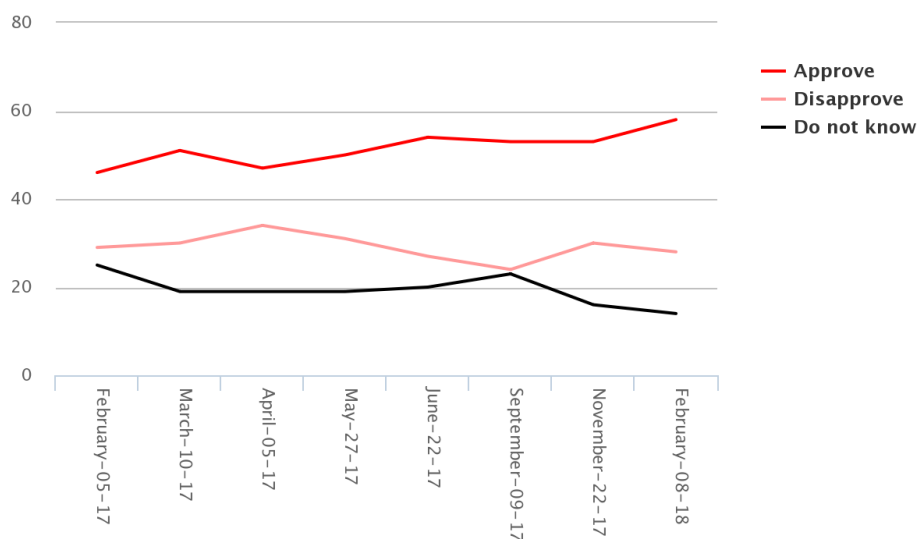
### Tory's approval up

#### Two-thirds approve of Ford's withdrawal

Toronto, February 9<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 977 Toronto voters, more than half (58%) say they approve of the job John Tory is doing as mayor. Just over one-quarter (28%) say they disapprove, with one-sixth (14%) saying they do not know.

Tory's approval is up 5 points since November (Nov 24: 53%) but his disapproval is effectively unchanged (Nov 24: 30%), as is the proportion of those that say they do not know (Nov 24: 16%).

Tory Approval Trend February 2018



Respondents most likely to say they approve of Tory include those aged 55-64 (65%) or 65+ (67%), the most wealthy (66%), with a college/university degree (60%) or a post-graduate degree (63%), living downtown (62%), or in North York (61%) or East York (n=88) (61%), and supporting the Liberals (67%).

Respondents most likely to say they disapprove of Tory include those aged 34 and younger (31%), 35-44 (30%), or 45-54 (28%), males (34%), with some college/university (32%), living in Etobicoke (39%), and supporting the PCs (38%).

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### **Half strongly approve of Ford's withdrawal**

Two-thirds (TOP2: 63%) say they approve of Ford's withdrawal from the mayor's race, with half (50%) saying they approve strongly.

One-sixth (15%) say they disapprove, with about half of those doing so strongly (7%).

2 in 10 (19%) say they neither approve nor disapprove.

Respondents most likely to say they approve (TOP2) of Ford's withdrawal include those aged 65+ (72%), the most wealthy (69%), with a post-graduate degree (74%), living in East York (n=88)(72%), and supporting the Liberals (72%) or NDP (74%).

Respondents most likely to disapprove include those aged 34 and younger (16%) or 35-44 (18%), males (18%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (24%), the least educated (19%) or with some college/university (21%), living in Etobicoke (17%) or York (n=60)(18%) and supporting the PCs (18%).

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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 977 randomly selected Toronto Voters. The poll was conducted February 7-8, 2017.

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](http://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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at [forumpoll.com](http://forumpoll.com).

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### Approval

#### Trend

%	Sample	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
Feb 7-8, 2018	977	58	28	14
Nov 21-22, 2017	843	53	30	16
Sept 8-9, 2017	658	53	24	23
June 20-22, 2017	1040	54	27	20
May 25, 27-28	1035	50	31	19
Apr 4-5, 2017	840	47	34	19
Mar 8-10, 2017	966	51	30	19
Jan 31-Feb 5, 2017	1090	46	29	25

### Mayoral Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job John Tory is doing as Mayor?

[All respondents]

#### Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	977	148	133	188	200	308	466	497
Approve	58	50	58	59	65	67	57	59
Disapprove	28	31	30	28	25	22	34	23
Don't know	14	19	12	13	9	11	10	18

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	977	79	121	128	125	93	187
Approve	58	49	51	55	57	61	66
Disapprove	28	22	30	31	31	28	27
Don't know	14	28	18	13	12	10	7



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### Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	977	100	244	374	259
Approve	58	56	50	60	63
Disapprove	28	26	32	27	29
Don't know	14	18	18	14	8

### Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	977	313	88	188	169	60	159
Approve	58	62	61	61	50	52	57
Disapprove	28	23	26	26	39	34	27
Don't know	14	15	13	13	11	14	16

### Method of Travel to Work/School

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	977	351	301	23	54	25	223
Approve	58	56	53	57	83	52	69
Disapprove	28	34	30	18	9	29	18
Don't know	14	11	17	25	8	19	13

### Provincial Voter Intention

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	977	377	295	160	35	15
Approve	58	56	67	60	43	27
Disapprove	28	38	19	27	31	51
Don't know	14	6	14	13	26	23



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**Ford withdrawal**

*Do you approve or disapprove of Doug Ford withdrawing from the mayor's race?*

*[All respondents]*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	977	148	133	188	200	308	466	497
NET: TOP2	63	54	64	67	62	72	63	61
NET: BTM2	14	16	18	10	12	12	18	11
Strongly approve	50	44	53	49	53	58	52	48
Somewhat approve	12	10	12	17	9	14	12	13
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	25	14	17	21	13	15	22
Somewhat disapprove	8	11	10	5	4	4	8	7
Strongly disapprove	7	6	8	5	8	9	9	4
Don't know	4	4	4	6	6	2	4	5

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NET: BTM2	14	20	18	19	11	24	12
Strongly approve	50	40	43	45	48	46	60
Somewhat approve	12	15	8	12	15	13	8
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	19	20	24	21	17	15
Somewhat disapprove	8	13	9	10	3	13	8
Strongly disapprove	7	7	9	9	8	11	5
Don't know	4	6	10	0	5	1	4



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Somewhat approve	12	15	15	10	13
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	14	16	24	14
Somewhat disapprove	8	10	12	6	5
Strongly disapprove	7	9	10	6	5
Don't know	4	6	6	4	2

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Somewhat approve	12	8	13	13	17	9	13
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	17	15	24	16	33	15
Somewhat disapprove	8	6	6	10	10	8	4
Strongly disapprove	7	5	6	4	6	10	11
Don't know	4	4	1	5	3	2	6



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