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Two thirds approve decision not to bid on Olympics

Both in Toronto and across GTA

TORONTO September 18th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1183 residents of the GTA (Toronto, Durham, York, Peel and Halton), fully two thirds approve of Mayor Tory's decision not to bid on the Olympics (66%), and this is equally common in the city of Toronto (69%) and in the surrounding regions (65%). One quarter disapprove of this decision (25%) and one tenth have no opinion to share (9%).

Toronto residents want Olympic funds spent on TCHC repairs

When residents of the city of Toronto are asked what they would like to see the funds that might have been spent on an Olympic bid turned to, repairs to Toronto's community housing (19%), followed by building the Downtown Relief Line (17%) are mentioned first. Fewer would like to see a reduction in property taxes (14%), burying the Gardiner or building the SmartTrack Express (12% each).

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fully two thirds approve of Mayor Tory's decision not to bid on the Olympics (66%), and this is equally common in the city of Toronto (69%) and in the surrounding regions (65%).
- When residents of the city of Toronto are asked what they would like to see the funds that might have been spent on an Olympic bid turned to repairs to Toronto's community housing (19%), followed by building the Downtown Relief Line (17%).
- "Toronto's enthusiasm for the Olympics, and that of the surrounding regions, has tempered considerably since the heady days of the Pan Am Games and, in Toronto at least, there are seen to be more worthy expenditures," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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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 1183 randomly selected voters in Toronto and the surrounding GTA. The poll was conducted on September 16th and 17th, 2015.

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. Electoral success is dependent on the parties' skill at getting out the vote. 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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Toronto: 2024 Olympic Bid

'Toronto Mayor John Tory has decided the city will not bid on the 2024 Olympics. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1183	233	198	224	260	268	643	540
Approve	66	62	66	64	69	74	67	65
Disapprove	25	27	24	30	22	19	25	25
Don't know	9	12	11	6	9	7	8	10

Region

%	Total	Toronto	Durham	York	Halton	Peel
Sample	1183	455	243	181	95	209
Approve	66	69	62	66	64	65
Disapprove	25	24	30	23	22	26
Don't know	9	8	8	10	14	9

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1183	132	159	159	127	125	259
Approve	66	53	64	69	65	75	71
Disapprove	25	30	28	22	25	20	25
Don't know	9	18	8	9	10	5	4

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Toronto: Spending Priority

‘What spending priority do you think should take the place of bidding on the Olympics?’

[Lives in Toronto]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	615	144	132	112	120	107	349	266
Burying the Gardiner Expressway in a tunnel	12	12	14	9	13	8	16	8
Repairing Toronto’s public housing	19	19	14	21	17	24	16	22
Building a downtown relief line	17	16	18	18	14	19	16	18
Building the SmartTrack Express	12	10	14	14	12	8	16	7
Reducing property taxes	14	14	18	13	10	14	13	15
Eliminating the Land Transfer Tax	9	8	9	9	12	11	8	10
Something else	10	13	6	10	11	7	8	11
Don't know	7	7	7	6	11	8	6	9

Region

%	Total	Toronto	Durham	York	Halton	Peel
Sample	615	425	29	69	30	62
Burying the Gardiner Expressway in a tunnel	12	10	7	12	29	15
Repairing Toronto’s public housing	19	20	10	20	9	16
Building a downtown relief line	17	22	18	8	12	6
Building the SmartTrack Express	12	13	21	8	11	11
Reducing property taxes	14	12	21	20	0	24
Eliminating the Land Transfer Tax	9	9	2	12	17	8
Something else	10	9	14	9	10	11
Don't know	7	5	8	11	12	10

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%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K
Sample	615	72	89	72	64	63	148
Burying the Gardiner Expressway in a tunnel	12	11	17	6	14	10	10
Repairing Toronto's public housing	19	29	17	13	25	12	17
Building a downtown relief line	17	4	14	14	15	22	23
Building the SmartTrack Express	12	9	10	9	16	21	15
Reducing property taxes	14	11	24	21	12	16	10
Eliminating the Land Transfer Tax	9	9	7	13	9	5	9
Something else	10	15	8	18	5	4	9
Don't know	7	13	4	6	5	10	8

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