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### Majority want Fennell charged in Brampton expenses scandal

#### Three quarters want audit dealt with before election

TORONTO SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 928 Brampton voters, more than half think Mayor Fennell should be charged with a crime in the expenses scandal (55%), while half this proportion think otherwise (28%) and somewhat fewer don't have an opinion (17%).

### Two thirds disapprove of Fennell's lawsuit; three quarters want audit dealt with now

Two third of Brampton's voters disapprove of Mayor Fennell suing Deloitte, the city's auditors (67%), while just one fifth approve (19%). Somewhat fewer have no opinion (15%). Of note, two thirds of those who voted for Mayor Fennell last time disapprove of the lawsuit now (65%). One third of those who plan to vote for her this time also disapprove (33%). Three quarters want to see the audit tabled and the expenses scandal dealt with by council before the election on October 27 (74%), while one fifth do not (20%) and very few don't have an opinion (6%). Even the majority of her supporters (57%) want this matter dealt with now.

#### Linda Jeffrey with comfortable lead for mayor

More than 4-in-10 voters will support Linda Jeffrey for mayor (42%), compared to fewer than one fifth who will vote for either Mayor Fennell or councillor John Sanderson (17% each). Few will vote Hargy Randhawa (5%) or either Gurjjt Grewal or Devinder Sangha (3% each). Just more than a tenth are undecided (13%). Jeffrey's vote is common to the oldest (52%), the best educated (post grad - 50%) and past provincial Liberal voters (58%). Fennell's vote is characterized by the youngest (21%), the wealthiest (\$100K to \$250K - 24%) but also the least educated (22%). Of note, only one quarter of those who voted for her last time will vote for Mayor Fennell this time (24%). Sanderson's support is concentrated among the oldest (55 to 64 - 28%, 65+ - 26%), the wealthier (\$80K to \$100K - 22%) and those of British Isles origin (30%). Jeffrey's support is especially strong in the southwest quadrant of the city, south of Queen and west of Hurontario (45%). Her support is weaker in the southeast quadrant on the other side of Hurontario south of Queen St (35%). Fennell's support is stronger in the southeast (19%). Sanderson does better south of Queen St (21%) than north of it (16%).

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- More than half think Mayor Fennell should be charged with a crime in the expenses scandal (55%).
- Two third of Brampton's voters disapprove of Mayor Fennell suing the city's auditors, Deloitte (67%), while just one fifth approve (19%).
- Three quarters want to see
   the audit tabled and the
   expenses scandal dealt with
   by council before the election
   on October 27 (74%).
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#### Jeffrey with highest awareness and approval.

Linda Jeffrey is known to two thirds of voters (69%), and of these, an astounding 8-in-10 approve of her (80%). John Sanderson is known to one half (53%) and is approved of by two thirds (67%). Awareness for the other candidates is one quarter or less, and their approval among these smaller groups is less than half. Mayor Fennell has the lowest approval tested, at just more than a quarter (28%), but this is an improvement over last month (August 9 - 21% approval). Just less than three quarters disapprove of her now (72%) compared to 8-in-10 last month (79%).

#### Fewer now want Fennell to resign

Just fewer than two thirds of Brampton voters want Mayor Fennell to resign (63%), down from close to 7-in-10 last month (69%). Three-in-ten don't want to see her resign (29%). Those who want her to hang tight are most likely to be the youngest (34%), males (33%), the wealthiest (41%) and those who claim a Canadian ethnic background (33%).

"The only reason I can see that Mayor Fennell's ratings have improved a bit since last month is that they hit rock bottom then and bounced a bit. This mayor's race is Linda Jeffrey's to lose, but she'll have a difficult job as mayor knitting a sorely divided city back together," 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 928 randomly selected voters in Brampton, Ontario. The poll was conducted on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3.2%, 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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#### 2-Way Mayoral Trial Heats Trending

#### Fennell vs. Jeffrey

%	Sample	Susan Fennell	Linda Jeffrey	Don't Know
Sep 28, 2014	928	19	63	17
August 7-8,2014	1178	17	64	20
April 27, 2014	822	23	60	17
Mar 29, 2014	1019	20	61	19

#### Mayor Susan Fennell Approval - Trending

%	Sample	Approve	Disapprove
Sep 28, 2014	928	28	72
August 7-8,2014	1178	21	78
April 27, 2014	822	28	72
Mar 29, 2014	899	29	71

#### Mayoral Candidate Approval - Ranking

%	Approve	Disapprove	Aware
Linda Jeffrey	80	20	69
John Sanderson	67	33	53
<b>Gurjit Grewal</b>	47	53	28
Devinder Sangha	43	57	24
Hargy Randhawa	38	62	22
Susan Fennell	28	72	-

#### Mayor Susan Fennell Resignation - Trending

%	Sample	Should Resign	Should not Resign
Sep 28, 2014	928	63	29
August 7-8,2014	1178	69	23

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#### Fennel to be Charged with a Crime

'Should Mayor Fennell be charged with a crime or not?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	928	60	126	221	259	262	424	504
Should be charged with a crime	55	54	56	50	57	61	54	56
Should not be charged with a crime	28	29	27	32	28	20	32	24
Don't know	17	18	17	18	15	19	14	20

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	928	146	391	169	150
Should be charged with a crime	55	56	55	51	59
Should not be charged with a crime	28	26	29	32	25
Don't know	17	18	16	17	17

#### **Household Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	928	62	173	137	120	93	155	14
Should be charged with a crime	55	69	55	61	55	54	54	60
Should not be charged with a crime	28	20	23	20	27	27	34	40
Don't know	17	10	22	19	18	19	12	0

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	928	212	343	141	32	41
Should be charged with a crime	55	57	56	59	63	60
Should not be charged with a crime	28	27	32	27	18	19
Don't know	17	16	12	14	19	21

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#### Fennell to Sue City's Auditors

'Mayor Fennell has threatened to sue Deloitte, the city's auditors, for exceeding their mandate. Do you approve or disapprove of this action by Mayor Fennell?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	928	60	126	221	259	262	424	504
Approve	19	22	24	15	16	11	25	13
Disapprove	67	60	63	74	73	73	64	69
Don't know	15	18	13	11	12	16	11	18

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	928	146	391	169	150
Approve	19	19	19	18	27
Disapprove	67	65	69	64	65
Don't know	15	16	11	17	8

#### **Household Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	928	62	173	137	120	93	155	14
Approve	19	19	20	22	16	18	25	5
Disapprove	67	51	54	68	77	72	69	95
Don't know	15	30	25	9	8	10	6	0

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	928	212	343	141	32	41
Approve	19	20	18	13	39	7
Disapprove	67	70	73	70	48	80
Don't know	15	11	10	18	13	13

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#### Charges Against Fennell to be Addressed Before or After the Election

'This lawsuit means that council will not be able address the charges against Mayor Fennell nor exact any penalty before the municipal election. Do you think this matter should be dealt with before the election or after the election?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	928	60	126	221	259	262	424	504
Should be dealt with before the election	74	68	78	78	75	75	70	79
Should be dealt with after the election	20	22	18	18	20	18	26	13
Don't know	6	10	4	4	5	6	4	8

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	sw	SE
Sample	928	146	391	169	150
Should be dealt with before the election	74	78	76	66	77
Should be dealt with after the election	20	17	21	19	20
Don't know	6	5	3	14	3

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	928	212	343	141	32	41
Should be dealt with before the election	74	71	72	81	86	72
Should be dealt with after the election	20	25	23	11	14	24
Don't know	6	4	6	7	0	5

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Fennel / Grewal / Jeffrey / Randhawa / Sangha / Sanderson

'If a mayoral election were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were Susan Fennel, Gurjit Grewal, Linda Jeffrey, Hargy Randhawa, Devinder Sangha and John Sanderson?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

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%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	928	60	126	221	259	262	424	504
Susan Fennell	17	21	17	15	15	9	17	17
Hargy Randhawa	5	10	5	1	2	1	3	6
Linda Jeffrey	42	38	37	46	43	52	42	42
<b>Gurjit Grewal</b>	3	4	6	0	3	2	4	2
John Sanderson	17	9	14	18	28	26	13	20
<b>Devinder Sangha</b>	3	4	5	3	1	2	5	2
Don't know	13	14	16	16	8	8	17	11

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	928	146	391	169	150
Susan Fennell	17	14	17	15	19
Hargy Randhawa	5	4	6	4	1
Linda Jeffrey	42	41	40	45	35
Gurjit Grewal	3	7	3	2	3
John Sanderson	17	16	16	21	21
<b>Devinder Sangha</b>	3	2	4	4	1
Don't know	13	17	14	9	20

#### **Household Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	928	62	173	137	120	93	155	14
Susan Fennell	17	16	16	17	21	9	24	5
Hargy Randhawa	5	1	4	9	3	6	7	0
Linda Jeffrey	42	46	39	43	43	33	36	66
<b>Gurjit Grewal</b>	3	2	3	4	5	2	3	17
John Sanderson	17	11	20	13	11	22	19	11
Devinder Sangha	3	1	3	9	4	5	2	0
Don't know	13	22	16	5	11	24	9	2

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#### **Approval of Jeffrey**

'Do you approve or disapprove of Linda Jeffrey?'

[Heard of Linda Jeffrey]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	726	34	87	167	217	221	342	384
Approve	80	80	82	82	75	79	79	80
Disapprove	20	20	18	18	25	21	21	20

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	726	111	331	122	120
Approve	80	77	80	78	81
Disapprove	20	23	20	22	19

#### Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	726	37	133	109	93	72	129	12
Approve	80	85	80	81	84	79	77	93
Disapprove	20	15	20	19	16	21	23	7

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	726	179	292	108	28	28
Approve	80	63	88	89	72	67
Disapprove	20	37	12	11	28	33

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#### **Approval of Sanderson**

'Do you approve or disapprove of John Sanderson?'

[Heard of John Sanderson]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	571	27	61	119	186	178	260	311
Approve	67	66	72	62	69	65	63	70
Disapprove	33	34	28	38	31	35	37	30

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	571	83	239	113	114
Approve	67	65	72	58	67
Disapprove	33	35	28	42	33

#### Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	571	24	87	86	70	58	114	9
Approve	67	71	65	65	69	68	57	88
Disapprove	33	29	35	35	31	32	43	12

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	571	149	218	81	24	29
Approve	67	67	59	66	82	86
Disapprove	33	33	41	34	18	14

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#### **Approval of Sangha**

'Do you approve or disapprove of Devinder Sangha?'

[Heard of Devinder Sangha]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	179	20	27	45	48	39	88	91
Approve	43	46	52	37	27	38	53	34
Disapprove	57	54	48	63	73	62	47	66

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	179	29	80	33	22
Approve	43	31	54	37	24
Disapprove	57	69	46	63	76

#### Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	179	12	27	31	24	16	34	4
Approve	43	79	46	40	32	40	36	50
Disapprove	57	21	54	60	68	60	64	50

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	179	33	69	38	7	10
Approve	43	46	42	57	8	3
Disapprove	57	54	58	43	92	97

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#### **Approval of Grewal**

'Do you approve or disapprove of Gurgit Grewal?'

[Heard of Gurgit Grewal]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	225	20	34	57	58	56	112	113
Approve	47	60	50	27	29	43	44	50
Disapprove	53	40	50	73	71	57	56	50

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	225	37	100	38	34
Approve	47	38	56	50	32
Disapprove	53	62	44	50	68

#### Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	225	12	39	39	25	23	40	4
Approve	47	82	62	39	34	61	38	80
Disapprove	53	18	38	61	66	39	62	20

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	225	51	81	43	6	14
Approve	47	33	52	57	44	17
Disapprove	53	67	48	43	56	83

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#### Approval of Randhawa

'Do you approve or disapprove of Hargy Randhawa?'

[Heard of Hargy Randhawa]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	153	20	28	40	35	30	86	67
Approve	38	45	50	15	11	37	41	32
Disapprove	62	55	50	85	89	63	59	68

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	153	24	70	29	20
Approve	38	30	43	37	51
Disapprove	62	70	57	63	49

#### Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	153	11	31	23	19	13	35	2
Approve	38	60	57	13	35	51	36	0
Disapprove	62	40	43	87	65	49	64	100

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	153	35	47	34	3	11
Approve	38	31	23	49	87	8
Disapprove	62	69	77	51	13	92

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#### **Approval of Susan Fennell**

'Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job Susan Fennell is doing as Mayor of Brampton?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	928	60	126	221	259	262	424	504
Approve	28	35	26	29	23	17	26	30
Disapprove	72	65	74	71	77	83	74	70

#### Region

%	Total	NW	NE	SW	SE
Sample	928	146	391	169	150
Approve	28	31	27	22	30
Disapprove	72	69	73	78	70

#### Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60K	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K	\$250K+
Sample	928	62	173	137	120	93	155	14
Approve	28	29	28	25	28	30	32	5
Disapprove	72	71	72	75	72	70	68	95

#### **Provincial Vote Preference**

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	928	212	343	141	32	41
Approve	28	27	25	31	51	16
Disapprove	72	73	75	69	49	84

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#### **Fennell Resignation**

'Do you think Mayor Susan Fennell should resign or not?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	928	60	126	221	259	262	424	504
Think she should resign	63	55	69	59	67	74	62	64
Do not think she should resign	29	34	26	32	29	19	33	26
Don't know	8	11	5	8	5	6	5	10

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Think she should resign	63	53	65	71	62	64	57	95
Do not think she should resign	29	39	24	24	33	26	41	5
Don't know	8	8	11	6	5	9	2	0

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Think she should resign	63	64	66	67	42	53
Do not think she should resign	29	31	30	22	45	38
Don't know	8	5	4	11	13	9

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