

# STAND UP

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## for Public Housing

On Tuesday September 22 and Wednesday September 23, Stand Up for Public Housing conducted a survey of 19,661 randomly selected Toronto residents to study their attitudes towards the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and capital repair and redevelopment of its communities. The results are considered accurate to within +/- 1%, 19 times out of 20.

The survey found that Toronto residents believe conditions in Community Housing are not good or poor and that these impressions are generally held by Toronto residents regardless of their stated level of familiarity with the communities. Survey respondents were strongly supportive of capital improvements or redevelopment of the communities if the costs were shared by the provincial or federal levels of government and more than two-thirds were impressed or strongly impressed by the Regent Park redevelopment.

### **Q1. How familiar are you with any of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation communities?**

*Familiarity with the Toronto Housing Community Corporation was evenly split with fifty percent of respondents very familiar (24%) or somewhat familiar (26%) and fifty percent not very familiar (32%) or not at all familiar (19%). One quarter of all respondents were either residents or visited a resident of a TCHC community.*

1. Very familiar - you are a resident or visit friends or family: 24%
2. Somewhat familiar: 26%
3. Not very familiar: 32%
4. Not at all familiar: 19%

### **Q2. In general, what is your impression of living conditions in TCHC communities?**

*Sixty-seven percent of respondents feel living conditions in TCHC communities are not good (40%) or poor (27%). Only eight percent of respondents felt that living conditions in TCHC communities was very good.*

1. Very good: 8%
2. Good: 25%
3. Not good: 40%
4. Poor: 27%

**Q3. The TCHC was created without a capital fund to cover the cost of maintaining its buildings and there is now a backlog of repairs and upgrades needed. Mayor John Tory has called on the Ontario and federal governments to help pay these capital costs.**

*Seventy-eight per cent of respondents strongly support (47%) or support (31%) John Tory's plan to share funding costs between all three levels of government.*

1. Strongly agree with John Tory: 47%
2. Agree: 31%
3. Somewhat disagree: 14%
4. Strongly disagree: 8%

**Q4. The federal government has an existing infrastructure fund for cities. Do you agree or disagree that the federal government should change the rules and allow the City of Toronto to be able to use some of the federal infrastructure fund to repair the TCHC properties?**

*Three-quarters of all respondents either strongly agree (43%) or agree (31%) that the City of Toronto should be able to access the federal infrastructure fund to repair TCHC properties.*

1. Strongly agree: 43%
2. Agree: 31%
3. Somewhat disagree: 16%
4. Strongly disagree: 10%

**Q5. Over the past several years, the Regent Park Community at Parliament and Dundas Streets has undergone redevelopment. How impressed are you with the newly redeveloped Regent Park Community?**

*Seventy percent of respondents were either very impressed (25%) or somewhat impressed (45%) with the redevelopment of the Regent Park Community.*

1. Very impressed: 25%
2. Somewhat impressed: 45%
3. Not very impressed: 21%
4. Not at all impressed: 9%

**Q6. Finally, which of the following best describes you?**

1. A man: 47%
2. A woman: 48%
3. Another description: 5%

**Q7. Do you own or rent your home?**

1. Own home: 64%
2. Rent home: 36%

**Q8. What is your household income?**

1. Household income is \$20,000 or less: 25%
2. \$20,000 to \$40,000: 22%
3. \$40,000 to \$60,000: 17%
4. \$60,000 to \$100,000: 18%
5. More than \$100,000: 18%

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