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Tory Leads in Beaches–East York By-Election Poll

Avi Lewis close behind

Toronto, April 16th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 415 Beaches–East York voters, John Tory leads with the support of 40% of voters. Avi Lewis follows at 31%, while Jocelyn Poirier and Jack Pennings receive 20% and 5% respectively. Just 5% of voters remain undecided.

Support for Tory and Lewis Varies Across Key Demographics

Tory's support is strongest among younger voters, with 54% of those under 25, 35% of voters 25 to 34, 38% of voters 35 to 44, and 48% of those 65+ backing him. Tory also leads among college graduates (70%). Lewis, meanwhile, draws stronger support from university graduates (51%). When asked who they think would make the best Prime Minister, those who said Mark Carney (60%) or Pierre Poilievre (51%) also support Tory for the Beaches–East York by-election.

"When Beaches–East York voters are asked who they would support in a federal by-election, John Tory leads, with Avi Lewis close behind," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "Tory's support is particularly strong among younger voters and college graduates, while Lewis performs better among university-educated voters. With a small share of voters still undecided, the race remains competitive and could shift as the situation develops."

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 415 randomly selected Beaches–East York residents over the age of 18, 15% by cellphone and 85% on landlines. The poll was conducted between April 14 and 15, 2026. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 5.0%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample and regional results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample and regional results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp.

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The key questions covered in the recent poll included:

Note: TOTAL (u/w) indicates the unweighted count of respondents. TOTAL (w/t) indicates the count weighted for age and gender.

With current MP Nate Erskine-Smith announcing his intention to resign his seat in the coming weeks, if a federal by-election were held today in Beaches-East York, who would you vote for?

[Decided/ Leaning]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female	Non-binary
TOTAL (u/w)	**415**	**9**	**9**	**16**	**40**	**78**	**263**	**183**	**225**	**7**
TOTAL (w/t)	**428**	**54**	**82**	**86**	**89**	**54**	**64**	**205**	**217**	**7**
Avi Lewis	31	32	31	24	37	33	27	36	25	43
John Tory	40	54	35	38	38	32	48	36	44	43
Jocelyne Poirier	20	7	34	27	10	25	13	16	25	0
Jack Pennings	5	7	0	0	11	7	6	6	3	14
Other	5	0	0	11	5	4	7	6	4	0

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