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Tories Poised for Majority as 905 Region Set to Deliver for Ford's PCs

PCs (39%) and NDP (36%) Close in Province-Wide Popular Vote, Liberals (19%) and Others/Green (6%) Trail; Double-Digit Lead for PCs in 905 Would Secure Tory Government

Toronto, Ontario, June 6, 2018 — One day ahead of the election in Ontario, a new Ipsos poll conducted exclusively for Global News has revealed that the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario is poised to form a majority government, making Doug Ford the next Premier of Ontario.

If the vote were held today, the popular vote totals among decided voters show the Ford PCs with 39% of the vote (up 2 points), compared to 36% (up 2 points) for the Horwath-led NDP. The incumbent Liberals, led by Premier Kathleen Wynne, would receive 19% support (down 3 points), while other parties, including the Green Party, would receive 6% of the popular vote (down 1 point). Six percent (6%) remain undecided on the eve of election day, while 8% maintain that they won't vote or would spoil their ballot.

While the overall figures suggest a close race, the seat-rich 905 region of the GTA is likely to deliver Doug Ford and the PCs a majority government:

- In the **905** area of the GTA, the Tories (45%) have a double-digit lead over the NDP (28%), Liberals (23%) and other parties (5%) who are splitting the progressive vote.
- In the **416**, Toronto proper, the NDP (38%) leads the PCs (35%), Liberals (22%) and others (5%).
- In **Southwestern** Ontario, the PCs (41%) and NDP (41%) are in a dead heat (but likely split on urban/rural divides within the region), while the Liberals (10%) are set to be wiped out of the area completely. Other parties are receiving 8% of the vote.
- In **Central** Ontario, the PCs (48%) are ahead of the NDP (33%), Liberals (15%) and others (5%).
- In **Eastern** Ontario, the NDP (36%) has a slight edge over the PCs (32%) and Liberals (28%), with others (6%) behind.
- In the **North**, the NDP (47%) has a commanding lead over the Liberals (25%) and PCs (19%). Nearly one in ten (9%) would choose some other party.

The last week of the campaign has featured two significant events: Premier Wynne's gambit doesn't appear to have paid off, as the Liberal vote has softened somewhat since last week; a lawsuit against Doug Ford filed by his late brother's widow doesn't appear to have had a negative impact on support for the Tories. The net effect is that the Tories have maintained their three-point advantage heading into the polls.

Examining the popular-vote share by key demographics:

- **Men** are solidly in the Ford camp (46%), while fewer are voting for the NDP (33%), Liberals (16%) or others (5%).
- **Women** are more evenly split, but still favour the NDP (39%) over the PCs (32%), Liberals (23%) or others (7%).

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- Among **Boomers** aged 55+, the most likely to show up and vote, the Tories (42%) are favoured, and the progressive vote is split among the NDP (29%) and Liberals (22%). Seven percent (7%) would vote for some other party.
- Among **Gen Xers** aged 35-54, the PCs (40%) and NDP (39%) are in a close race, with the Liberals (17%) and others (4%) well back.
- Among **Millennials** aged 18-34, the NDP (41%) has a solid lead over the PCs (33%), Liberals (19%) and others (7%), although this is the demographic group is often least likely to show up and vote on E-Day.
- Education also plays an important part in understanding how people vote:
 - Among those with a **university degree**, the NDP (40%) is well ahead of the PCs (33%) and Liberals (23%), while others (5%) trail.
 - Among those with **some post-secondary** education, including a diploma, the Tories (40%) have a slight edge over the NDP (36%), Liberals (18%) and others (6%).
 - Among those with only a **high-school diploma**, the PCs (45%) take a larger lead over the NDP (33%), Liberals (15%) and others (7%).
 - Among those **without a high-school diploma**, the Tories (40%) also lead the Liberals (27%), NDP (26%) and others (7%).
- Among those who were **born in Canada**, the Tories (40%) lead the NDP (36%), Liberals (18%) and others (6%).
- Among those who were **born in another country**, the PCs (35%) and NDP (34%) are essentially tied, with the Liberals (24%) and others (7%) trailing.

Closing the book on Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Liberal government on its last day in office:

- One in three (32%) approve of the performance of the Wynne government while two thirds (67%) disapprove, virtually unchanged throughout the campaign.
- Two in ten (20%) believe the Wynne government has done a good job and deserves to be re-elected, while eight in ten (79%) believe it's time for another party to take over, also maintaining consistency throughout the election campaign. It appears that Ontarians will be getting the change they so strongly desire.

While Doug Ford is set to become Premier of Ontario, he is not the person who Ontarians think would make the best Premier. Four in ten (41%, down 2 points) say that person is Andrea Horwath, while 34% believe it's Doug Ford (up 1 point). Two in ten (20%, up 1 point) think Kathleen Wynne would continue to be the best Premier, while 5% are unsure of which leader best fits the bill. This is now the second election in a row where a plurality believed that Andrea Horwath would make the best Premier, but is unlikely to get the job.

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