

# Majority of Toronto residents opposed to shipping oil by rail through city

**63 per cent fear repeat of Lac Mégantic, Que., tragedy**

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Nearly 70 per cent of Torontonians don't think railways should be allowed to ship flammable crude oil through the city, with more than 60 per cent fearing a repeat of the Lac-Mégantic, Que., disaster.

Out of 1,271 Torontonians aged 18 years or older, 69 per cent said the dangerous good should not be carried by rail through Toronto, while just 17 per cent said it should.

The Forum Research poll also asked how much the [Lac-Mégantic tragedy](#), that killed 47 people, weighed on respondents' minds. Almost two thirds (63 per cent) were concerned rail shipments of flammable crude oil through Toronto would lead to a similar disaster, and of those, 44 per cent said they were "extremely concerned."

"Most Torontonians don't know the train that exploded in Lac-Mégantic was scheduled to pass through Toronto on the old CP rail line north of Dupont St. a few days later," said Forum president Lorne Bozinoff. "It's clear they are very uncomfortable with the idea of such hazardous cargo being transported through Canada's largest city."

The poll was conducted March 13 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 per cent, 19 out of 20 times.

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