

#	ID#	Casino Survey - Online Survey Summary - Q2.: "How would you describe your position on City Council passing a resolution in support for the possible location of a casino in Kingston? Would you say you are:" - Respondents who described their position as "Other"
1	2948	I would need more information to make a decision
2	3211	<p>#1. I strongly agree that there should be a Casino in the Kingston City limits, with a very strong condition. If approved, please LOCATE IT NORTH OF THE # 401, with conditions that the owners of the Casino pay for the new infrastructure/plumbing to get it there. Over time the City can benefit from those improvements with future developments and obviously increase the current tax base of whatever location is chosen in the mean time. Look at a map of the City and note all the space above the #401.</p> <p>#2. It absolutely does not need to be anywhere south, especially downtown. Cab drivers/City Transit would/could also benefit. Not everyone in a 'family/group unit' likes to exclusively gamble, see/play sports, see shows, go to a pub or shop till they drop, compromises are always made for the enjoyment of all.</p> <p>#3. It would not be in walking distance of the general public or in the face of those opposed.</p> <p>#4. We pay property tax bills in the City limits, we love all that Kingston has to offer, however creating/expanding/diversifying City tax base/revenue can lessen future burdens of property ownership for all if the accounting/budgeting is done in an honest fair/sustainable manner for all parties involved. eg. if I received a \$1/hour raise it would not be wise to look for new expenses that exceed the 'exciting' new influx of revenue.</p> <p>#5. If approved, I hope it is going to be a tasteful endeavor with attention to detail and maybe a bit of a 'GREEN' footprint. eg. last year walking down a road in Kingston, saw a bus stop pole on a slant over a ditch flanked by gravel at the edge of a busy traffic area with no sidewalk: I thought who would want to</p>
3	2396	A bit opposed and a bit in favour for various reasons
4	3258	Although this would improve the income to the surrounding stores and business, people on assistant ce or mothers allowance or with addiction issues really do not need another inappropriate way to spend their money. I feel that putting that casino in a central area will just put people in poverty. I know in Gan. people spend money unwisely but they have to travel to get there. I am on the fence but really feel it won't have the best outcome.

5	421	<p>At this point I think Kingston would be making a big mistake to build a casino here. We missed the boat years ago when the casino topic came up and Kingston decided not to build one. Gananoque took action, did the research, realized what could be gained for their community by building one, and did it. Why would Kingston consider it ethical to scoop in and UNDERCUT the benefits Gananoque is now able to receive for their community?</p> <p>It would be better to approach Gananoque and ask about building a partnership with them. Kingston provides free shuttle buses to the Casino and gives a lot of business to the Gananoque Casino so perhaps this knowledge can be held out as a negotiating tool to encourage a partnership with Kingston and more ethically reap these gambling rewards.</p> <p>Alternatively, Kingston could consider offering a different form of gambling that is NOT offered in Gananoque. Gananoque could then keep its business, Kingston could have theirs, and a partnership could be formed to mutually support each other. All will win in the end.</p> <p>Other reasons to oppose this include; it's, a tax on the poor, people who become addicted to gambling lose the ability to properly care for themselves and their family, etc.</p> <p>When one can't find work and use social assistance to help them survive, gambling can be a huge draw.</p>
6	2898	Brings in tourism dollars. I have not been to the Casino in Gananoque in a few years and may go to one if there were one in Kingston.
7	1559	Casino in the East end would be idealistic as it would bring more tourist in that area. Highway 15 has a lot of room available.
8	541	Depends on what kind of casino. Upscale, tasteful, Monaco or Biarritz style with top-draw live entertainment and 4-star restaurants is one thing, Gananoque-style low-rent small-town addict-filled glorified bingo parlour filled with slots is another. The probability of getting the latter (low-rent) is much higher than the probability of getting the former (Biarritz), so my vote is probably against.
9	2457	Do not have enough information re size, location, benefits to community.
10	862	Don't we have to figure out if we want a casino before we/council vote where it will go? Poorly worded question.
11	15	I am actually against Casinos. BUT, they exist, and it appears like they will continue to be a part of our landscape for a while to come. Therefore, even though I am against them, I don't like the idea of other cities benefiting from our taxpayer dollars. We should build one so that at LEAST the city can get some of that money back into our own coffers rather than it flowing out and into other cities.

12	423	I am basically opposed as surveys have shown that a stand alone casino becomes a blight on the surrounding area (such as in Atlantic City). Only a casino with many other entertainment opportunities (as in Las Vegas) can result in a vibrant neighbourhood. I feel that Kingston does not have the ability to have the latter type of venue. Gambling also often brings more problems to a community than it solves.
13	1158	I am in favor of having the option of putting in a gaming facility. I don't think it's something the city wants immediately, but maybe in the near future. Furthermore, I am only in favor if the casino is built outside of the downtown core, someplace near the 401 perhaps near the invista center.
14	3130	I am in strongly in favour of the casino provided it is located near the 401 and away from the downtown core.
15	52	I am not opposed in theory to a casino in Kingston, but it should not come at the expense of Gananoque losing theirs. Kingston missed its casino opportunity.
16	962	I am not opposed to Kingston as a site for a casino, as they do bring tourism and other related revenues. However there is already a casino in Gananoque and I do not support Kingston trying to get this casino to relocate to Kingston. If there is only one facility allowed per zone and Kingston and Gananoque are in the same zone then Kingston should accept the fact that they missed the boat on a casino 10 years ago. People heading to the casino in Gananoque will often already stay in Kingston and enjoy the amenities that our community has to offer while also enjoying the gaming experience in Gananoque. I believe it would be selfish of Kingston to try and steal the casino away from Gananoque at this point. Rather I believe it would be beneficial to both communities for a joint tourism initiative that promoted both destinations and included the casino. Work together don't fight each other!
17	32	I am strongly in favour if: A) It doesn't mean that Kingston competes to get it - Gananoque had it first - and so if it meant we 'took' that Casino away - I would say no. It's not neighborly and not a good use of resources (to build a new one). B) At the outset there was a strong component / strategy to support problem gamblers, addiction and crime that often come with a Casino.
18	2062	I am strongly in favour of the Casino permitting the city offers an addiction/counseling service which would benefit those in need and also produce more jobs in the city.
19	1453	I am strongly in support, but NOT downtown or in a residential area. IMO a Casino should be self contained with gambling, conference facilities, shopping, entertainment, integrated hotel, etc. all onsite.
20	2368	I just think that the one in Gananoque should suffice, it's only 20 minutes tops to drive there!

21	1256	I strongly support a casino which is not in the downtown area. Downtown is crowded enough and has no parking. Build it downtown and I will avoid it just like I do the KROCK
22	2733	I think city council will not consider locations other than down town, which is not fair to the rest of the city. There is more to this city than down town.
23	610	I think downtown is the wrong place to put a casino since parking there is already horrendous. I think putting it in a different location, like maybe in the west end would be better. A spot away from downtown with it's own parking would make more sense. But also, it should be away from the part of our city where a large portion of poorer communities are. But please, find a spot that is already empty because destroying animal habitat for a casino is a whole other issue that will upset people (including me).
24	222	I was in favor years ago when it was first proposed, but we dropped the ball - big time. Now the city has woke up and sees the benefits of having a casino (Gananoque's windfall clearly speaks for itself). Now we want it. We had our chance and we blew it. There already is a casino in the region. Why waste money to scrap that one and build another. But if the OLG (or whoever will be running the casino) wants to spend money to build a new one in the region, then it may as well be Kingston
25	1346	I was strongly in favour when casinos were first an option to this area years ago. I don't think it is appropriate that we should enter into this issue now and steal Gananoque's good fortune.
26	2296	I would be in favor of the casino if it creates jobs for those in a younger age bracket, including those under the age of 18.
27	2214	I would be in favour if the casino was properly managed as a business opportunity and not a "cash-cow" for the city of Kingston
28	1629	I would support a casino if the monies the City received from it were put to good use to lower our taxes which are outrageously high and getting higher with the waste at City Hall.
29	2289	If it could be negotiated that a Convention Centre be part of the complex, then and only then I would be in favour.
30	426	if it downtown there is no parking so I a strongly opposed
31	1066	If the Casio in Gan is closing, then yes. A Casino in Kingston would be good. However, if the Casino in Gan remains open then I strongly oppose for the reason that there are too many in the area.
32	2858	IF there is a casino in Kingston, it should be close to the 401. It should definitely not be downtown.

33	1566	If there were a casino in Kingston I think it should only be on a cruise ship/boat with fixed ticket prices and limited hours (not open for breakfast and closed when the rest of the city's bars close or earlier) and the boat should only run during the height of boating season May-October. By imposing these physical and temporal limits we can limit the damage that a casino causes to residents etc (addiction etc) while still reaping some of the financial benefits (profits from gambling and sales, and tourist dollars) I am strongly against a year round, 24/7 casino - those are bad news and community killers.
34	2015	It depends on location. I would agree with allocation in the townships but not one downtown
35	144	It may not be the most feasible in terms of local politics as Kingston expressing an interest would inevitably mean that Kingston is intent on taking the casino away from Gananoque as the OLG has defined both Gananoque and Kingston in the same area where only one casino can exist. Granted Kingston must do what is best for Kingston, local co-operation must also be considered.
36	2284	It would depend on location. I fit was downtownish I would be okay, but if it was out in west end not so much
37	1653	Let the casino stay in Gan. Kingston had its chance before it was built in Gan. Gan stepped up, when Kingston did not, so let Gan reap the benefits of their ability to make the decision 10 years ago.
38	2945	My position depends on: a) what we hope to learn from the OLG about the process, costs etc; b) whether there is referendum of all citizens on the issue (I would go along with a clear majority); c) then if there is a general vote in favour, whether a clear majority in the DISTRICT where it will be located agree to accept it(If they don't then end of story!)? This seems the democratic way to decide the issue (said by many to be a MAJOR on) one way or the other!
39	1656	Not if it means taking it away from Gan. Sorry Kingston we had our chance!
40	2919	Only if the site would be at the old racetrack. NOT downtown. Did we not learn our lesson with the K-Rock fiasco?
41	133	rather like stealing from your poor weak cousin
42	650	so long as there is counseling for all the gambling addicts that will surface.
43	444	strongly in favour only if the councilors are to look at putting it NORTH of the city. The old drive-in theatre area would be a good place. I am also sure there are other areas away from residential that would do.
44	1960	Strongly in favour providing there is little to no cost to the taxpayers and that it not be located in the downtown area but anywhere close to hwy 401 entry/exit
45	2559	Strongly opposed to casino in Kingston unless the existing casino in Gananoque is closed and/or moved to Kingston.
46	1696	There must be an easier way to bring down taxes in this town!
47	167	We feel it would be good for the area economy but area small business restaurants may suffer.

48	389	We need a convention centre far more than a casino
49	1548	While I feel a Casino would be a great addition to our city, I am not sure supporting a new, private, casino would be in the best interest for the many Kingston people employed currently at the Gananoque casino. If it could be determined that those people (or the majority) would carry on at similar pay and benefits then I could support it. If it will not hurt our community by creating job losses for our neighbors, then I could support it.
50	803	Why not have a casino in both Gananoque AND Kingston?? I understand Gan does not want to lose one of their biggest employers but wouldn't it be nice if Gan could keep those jobs and Kingston could gain new ones?? (a city that already needs lots of jobs). The law banning casinos within 50kms could be change!!
51	2102	You said "Gaming" Casino. I am in favour if it will have all the games, amusement and entertainment in the world but no gambling on real money. I am opposed if it includes serious gambling.
52	1773	Managing the operation is key.
53	2717	That said I would like more information on where a casino would be located within the City of Kingston.
54	2248	I just feel bad for Gananoque if we take it away from them...
55	505	I'm skeptical that there will be a net benefit to the City. I want to see a real business case, based on real data, not a bunch of hype, there must be good data out there from other jurisdictions. The k-Rock business plan was overly-optimistic and I resent the resulting tax burden. Show me a business case based on a conservative projection and make sure the benefits out-weigh the social costs.
56	203	Kingston turned the Casino down, I think that was the right decision then, and I still feel the same way. Gananoque is a good location for a Casino being close to the Bridge and Surrounding townships.
57	3118	These generated funds could really improve the City's infrastructure...but with that come the price of addiction, and with money, serious crime elements
58	736	good for tourism, taxes, BIA, jobs, economic synergy
59	231	It's time to help this city grow ! This is an excellent idea.
60	2004	Kingston is losing out. We go to Gananoque often, also travel to LacLemay and Niagara Falls. More of us would just stay in Kingston more often. Comments were made about people loosing business, that's a bunch of crap. We talk to people whatever town we are in especially from across the Border, they come for the day and shop and go to restaurants as well. More revenue for Kingston.
61	1274	The city needs to be more progressive, and les prohibition like

62	838	theirs seems to be a problem with the people from the down town core from what I've heard on T.V.,yes I can somewhat understand what some of the people down town are fretting about, BUT... on the other hand the revenue this Casino would bring to our town along with more tourist's would be overwhelming (in a good way), it would attract allot more tourist. As we been hearing about in Gan., they really benefited with the Casino opening. The first year they were opened they made a enormous profit. And saying that I've also had heard many time's from some council about Kingston been I Quote "A none gambling town"? WELL.. think about it: we have bingo, and different Lotto's including scratch ticket's?? HUM...If there's a problem about putting the Casino in the down town core, well we do have other site's that you can relook at, before council veto's this opportunity that we have a second chance, We do have allot more land since we amalgamated!!!!
63	1189	There is the quiet majority who is in favor of a Casino....but will not go to meetings at city hall. if someone wants to gamble they can get drive 20 minutes away....Lets get revenue in Kingston!!!!
64	136	yes I think there should be one in Kingston ganque is happy why not Kingston more people here then there think about that one plus allot of people don't have cars but we got a bus that will take us there that's a gtopod enough reason for me
65	3055	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will take business away from the downtown core. - This city is full of students, I do not want to see this casino contribute to drop outs and negative financial state of students. - Private companies running a casino will take the money out of the community. - Gambling is an addiction that ruins lives, keep it away from our city. - This does not fit with Kingston's goal of becoming the most sustainable city. Lights on all night, people up all night, parents kept away from their families. - The casino will invite organized crime to the city.
66	1054	Casinos are in the business of making money and it is difficult for customers to beat the odds and make profits. However, because of the way they are set up, it is very easy for some people to be addicted to gambling. Therefore, I am against the casino in Kingston. Also Gan needs the employment it provides.
67	338	Casino's destroy families. It will not bring business to the down town core, it will cause restaurants to go out of business and bring low life to hang around the area. Gananoque is close enough for those that want to go.
68	1270	Gambling is obviously immoral.
69	609	I am all in favour of destroying families in Kingston. NOT

70	473	I am offended that this is even on the table when there are so many other more important concerns for the City to attend to!
71	2991	I am strongly opposed to a casino in Kingston.
72	1262	I would very much like to know what the payoff would be in monetary percentage of the profit. If the moral fiber of our city has a value, what is the offer for it? I have often thought of driving to Gan on occasion...and not done it due to the short but definitive drive. The short distance serves to dissuade and deter me on most occasions.If it was closer I am sure I would go more often. I am raising two children in this city, there is a great deal of immoral opportunities available in the city limits...a casino would undoubtedly create more. PLEASE KEEP THE CASINO RACKET OUT OF KINGSTON.
73	2186	-if privatized a casino could take away from the downtown and create social problems.
74	710	If you build it, I will leave the city. Promise.
75	2319	If you check how many people are in welfare/disability in the city of Kingston, believe me, everyone who WORKS for a living will be working more, and paying into more taxes to support these people if we build a casino in this city. They will waste their time and money on the casino because they have nothing better to do
76	2366	Leave it in Gan! I wouldn't drive to Kingston to play the slots!!
77	3097	Money is better spent on supporting the needy sectors of our community (i.e. the homeless, young people, the elderly, hungry people) than used to support addictions that can bury households and livelihoods.
78	2321	My husband travelled to Thousand Islands almost every day when he was off work during the winter season, he used to go once a day, and then twice...then he started going every day, he was addicted. I do not want this to happen to others.
79	3077	redundant and caters to addiction
80	889	there are enough problems with drugs, alcohol, gambling, etc. in the downtown core...I really don't want it further enhanced...its a money grab without ethics, care for our city, and the young people that are growing up in it.
81	1486	There is one nearby in Gan. We do not need the social ills a casino would bring to those who find it convenient and can least afford it.