

Poll Shows Ontario Backs 2015 Pan Am Games Bid

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A Nanos Research/Sun Media poll of 501 people held over three days ending April 1 shows that an overwhelming majority of Ontarians back the province's bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games, and think the Games would prove an economic boon for Ontario.

Nik Nanos of Nanos Research said, "it will have a positive impact on the province's economy.

Sun Media reports the poll found eight out of 10 adults that were asked about holding the Games in Ontario have heartily supported it, and according to Nanos, if the Games are held there the people say they will come.

He added, "if you're an Ontarian and you've seen the Olympic Games held in Calgary, Whistler and Montreal, it's mature enough. There is a significant appetite in Ontario to see Toronto bid on holding the Pan Am Games".

As for levels of support or opposition, those between 18 and 39 were the most enthusiastic with support ranging from 72 per cent to 80 per cent, between 11 per cent and 20 per cent of respondents had some levels of support, 68 per cent of 18 to 29-year-olds were in favour, while 16 per cent were somewhat in favour and eight per cent opposed.

Ontarians over 50 said they were about 75 per cent in favour of the Games.