

## **Methodological Note:**

The Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association (OGHA) retained Nanos Research to conduct an independent online open consultation related to Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Nanos administered an open-link consultation on behalf of the Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association (OGHA). A total of 5,357 individuals shared their views between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Readers should note that the data is only representative of the individuals who self selected themselves to share opinions on the open-link and should not be projected to the populace. Question 10 on summer hours was added one day after the start of field. As a quality control, duplicate IP addresses were screened out of the final group of responses.

Attached is a tabulation of the online consultation findings organized based on whether an individual regularly, occasionally or is never an active user of Queen Elizabeth Driveway.

<u>Readers should note that there are significant divisions of opinion in the online open consultation between those individuals who</u> <u>are active users of Queen Elizabeth Driveway and those that are not active users of Queen Elizabeth Driveway.</u>

"Competing visions for Queen Elizabeth Driveway leads to a very stark split between those that are never active users and those that are regular active users."

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## **Highlights:**

- Division on QED closure Those who self identify as never being active users of Queen Elizabeth Driveway and those that
  self identify as regular active users of the QED are diametrically opposed on the future of QED. Almost eight in ten nonactive users want QED open for driving all year round with individuals using the pathways for active use, while almost eight
  in ten active users want the QED closed to driving seven days a week all year round from 8 am to 8 pm. Of note, the
  occasional active users who make up about 28 per cent of the online submission are generally divided on the future of QED.
- Impact of QED closure on non-active users For those 40 per cent of individuals who participated in the online consultation and reported they never actively used the QED, they were most likely to report a negative impact of the closure on accessing events at Lansdowne Park, driving to work, visiting a business downtown and on traffic in the Glebe.
- Impact of QED closure on regular active-users For the 32 per cent of individuals who participated in the online consultation who reported they were regular active users of the QED, the closure of the QED was seen as having either a positive or no impact on them in terms of accessing events at Lansdowne Park, driving to work, visiting a business downtown or traffic in the Glebe.



In the past 12 months, have you regularly, occasionally or never used the Queen Elizabeth Driveway along the canal in Ottawa for any of the following: [RANDOMIZE]

			Question 2 – [Active Use of the Queen Elizabeth Driveway along the canal in Ottawa - includes biking, walking, in-line skating, using a wheelchair or pushing a stroller]							
			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure			
Question 1 - Drive	Total	Total N	5198	1653	1485	2037	23			
	Regularly	%	31.1	21.6	29.7	39.8				
	Occasionally	%	47.2	38.4	46.8	54.5				
	Never	%	21.3	39.6	23.2	5.3				
	Unsure	%	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4				

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Question 3 - [IF REGULARLY OR OCCASIONALLY USED FOR	Total	Total N	3191	1691	1500	0	0			
	Satisfactory	%	34.9	25.4	45.5	-	-			
ACTIVE USE] Is the existing bike and walking path for active use	Somewhat satisfactory	%	17.5	16.7	18.5	-	-			
on Queen Elizabeth Driveway	Somewhat unsatisfactory	%	19.1	21.5	16.5	-	-			
along the canal satisfactory, somewhat satisfactory, somewhat unsatisfactory or unsatisfactory to you.	Unsatisfactory	%	27.5	35.6	18.5	-	-			
	Unsure	%	0.9	0.8	1.0	-	-			

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			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure		
Question 4 - Currently,	Total	Total N	5257	1689	1499	2046	23		
between Canada Day and Labour Day, Queen Elizabeth Driveway is closed seven days a week from 8 am to 8 pm along	Positive	%	36.4	<mark>81.9</mark>	31.5	2.7			
	Somewhat positive	%	4.7	4.4	11.1	0.3			
	Somewhat negative	%	11.6	2.2	12.5	18.8			
the canal between Fifth Avenue	Negative	%	37.9	8.1	32.5	<mark>66.3</mark>			
and Somerset Street (2.4 kilometers). Has this closure had a positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, negative or no impact on you?	No impact	%	8.8	3.1	11.7	11.2			
	Unsure	%	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.6			



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			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure			
Question 5 - Access to events at	Total	Total N	5266	1692	1501	2050	23			
Lansdowne Park	Positive	%	19.6	<mark>43.4</mark>	16.3	2.7				
	Somewhat positive	%	4.7	7.7	6.5	1.1				
	Somewhat negative	%	12.3	7.9	16.0	13.1				
	Negative	%	42.6	10.0	35.2	<mark>74.8</mark>				
	No impact	%	14.6	24.8	17.3	4.1				
	Unsure	%	6.2	6.1	8.8	4.2				

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			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure			
Question 6 - The time it takes people to get to and from work	Total	Total N	5258	1692	1498	2045	23			
	Positive	%	17.7	<mark>40.6</mark>	12.9	2.4				
downtown	Somewhat positive	%	4.0	6.8	5.5	0.5				
	Somewhat negative	%	11.1	5.4	14.1	13.7				
	Negative	%	40.8	9.0	33.6	<mark>72.3</mark>				
	No impact	%	18.5	31.1	22.9	4.8				
	Unsure	%	8.0	7.2	11.1	6.3				

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			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure			
Question 7 - The time it takes	Total	Total N	5257	1692	1500	2043	22			
people to go downtown to visit	Positive	%	18.2	<mark>41.3</mark>	14.2	2.1				
a business	Somewhat positive	%	4.0	6.8	5.2	0.8				
	Somewhat negative	%	12.3	5.1	14.0	17.0				
	Negative	%	41.4	9.2	34.8	<mark>73.0</mark>				
	No impact	%	18.5	31.3	24.5	3.6				
	Unsure	%	5.6	6.3	7.3	3.5				

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			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure		
Question 8 - The amount of traffic in the Glebe	Total	Total N	5259	1693	1500	2043	23		
	Positive	%	15.2	<mark>33.2</mark>	12.1	2.6			
	Somewhat positive	%	4.7	7.3	6.1	1.5			
	Somewhat negative	%	12.2	8.6	14.1	13.7			
	Negative	%	39.1	9.1	32.8	<mark>68.5</mark>			
	No impact	%	16.8	30.5	18.3	4.6			
	Unsure	%	12.1	11.4	16.7	9.2			

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			All 2023-09	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Unsure		
Question 9 - Thinking of the future, which of the following would be the best path forward for the portion of Queen Elizabeth Driveway along the canal between Fifth and Somerset: [RANDOMIZE]	Total	Total N	5222	1679	1483	2037	23		
	Permanently close seven days a week from 8 am to 8 pm so it is available for the active use of people all year round	%	37.3	<mark>78.0</mark>	38.6	3.1			
	Only close on weekends and holidays all year round	%	18.1	14.4	25.8	15.4			
	Keep open for driving all year round and have people use current paths along the canal	%	44.6	7.7	35.7	<mark>81.4</mark>			

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Question 10 - Thinking of the summer only, which of the following would be the best path forward for the portion of Queen Elizabeth Driveway along the canal between Fifth and Somerset: [RANDOMIZE]	Total	Total N	3880	889	1138	1834	19		
	Close seven days a week from 8 am to 8 pm so it is available for the active use of people	%	28.6	<mark>73.3</mark>	35.1	2.9			
	Only close on weekends and holidays	%	23.1	15.0	28.7	23.5			
	Keep open for driving and have people use current paths along the canal	%	48.3	11.7	36.1	<mark>73.6</mark>			

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