

## Rob Ford's 'Fair Size' Tumor Will Take Week to Test

By Katia Dmitrieva - Sep 12, 2014

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford's doctors will take at least a week to fully diagnose his abdominal tumor as they await biopsy results and meet with his family to consider next steps.

The mayor is experiencing "some pain" and the tumor was found to be a "fair size" after he underwent a CT scan, ultrasound and biopsy, Doctor Zane Cohen of Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto said yesterday. A magnetic resonance imaging test, or MRI, was scheduled for today. Cohen declined to provide further information on the tumor.

"He's surrounded by family members," Cohen said at a news conference. "We are still in a holding pattern. We will not have the results of the biopsy for about a week and until we have that, there's very little that I can tell you as far as what we are going to have to do."

Ford, 45, was transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital yesterday from Humber River Regional Hospital, where he was admitted Sept. 10 and found to have an abdominal tumor after complaining of stomach pain for months.

It's uncertain what the medical emergency means for Ford's ambitions to be re-elected for a second term as he campaigns in this year's mayoral race. Residents of [Canada](#)'s most populous city go to the polls Oct. 27 and today is the cutoff date for withdrawing a name from the ballot.

Ford, who's been campaigning since June after spending two months in rehab, is up against candidates including former Rogers Communications Inc. executive John Tory and Olivia Chow, a former federal parliamentarian and wife of the late leader of the [New Democratic Party](#), [Jack Layton](#). David Soknacki, another contender, [dropped out](#) of the race this week.

### Runner-Up

Ford is running second with 28 percent of decided voters, according to a Nanos [poll](#) released this month, which asked 1,000 people in Toronto between Aug. 27 and Aug. 31 how they intended to vote.

Tory, a past leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, is leading the race with 42 percent of decided voters. Chow is third with 26 percent, according to the survey.

Toronto's reputation has worsened in the last four years, according to 58 percent of respondents in the Nanos [poll](#). Ford has been mayor of the city [since](#) Dec. 1, 2010.

Ford's biggest challenge to date may be convincing enough of Toronto's 1.6 million eligible voters he deserves another chance to lead after his public battles with alcohol and drug abuse plunged the city into controversy.

In November, he admitted to smoking crack in a "drunken stupor." In April, he took a leave from the mayoral campaign after The Globe and Mail newspaper published photos alleged to show him smoking from a crack pipe. He spent two months in rehab and returned to [city hall](#) June 30.

To contact the reporter on this story: Katia Dmitrieva in Toronto at [edmitrieva1@bloomberg.net](mailto:edmitrieva1@bloomberg.net)

To contact the editors responsible for this story: David Scanlan at [dscanlan@bloomberg.net](mailto:dscanlan@bloomberg.net) Carlos Caminada, [John Simpson](#)

---

©2014 BLOOMBERG L.P. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.