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## **NDP Support Increases In Wake Of Federal Election**

**HALIFAX:** Support for the provincial NDP has increased this quarter according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Currently, four in ten of decided voters prefer the NDP (42%, up from 34% in February 2011), while support for the Liberal Party has decreased (22%, down from 35%). Support for the PC Party has increased (31%, up from 26%), while four percent prefer the Green Party (unchanged). Those with no stated preference included those who were undecided (29%), do not plan to vote (4%), or refuse to state a preference (7%).

Satisfaction with the government remains stable, with just under one-half of Nova Scotia residents satisfied with the overall performance of the Dexter government (47%, compared with 44%). Four in ten are dissatisfied (39%, down from 45%), while 13 percent (compared with 11%) do not offer a definite opinion.

Premier Darrell Dexter's personal popularity has increased compared with three months ago, with three in ten residents preferring Dexter for Premier (28%, up from 23%). Support for Stephen McNeil of the Liberal Party has decreased (20%, down from 26%), while support for Jamie Baillie of the PC Party has increased and rests at 21 percent (up from 13%). Preference for John Percy of the Green Party is stable at three percent (compared with 2%), while preference for Jonathan Dean of the Atlantica Party remains unchanged. Under two in ten Nova Scotians (23%, compared with 27%) are undecided in terms of leader preference, while the remainder prefer none of these leaders (5%, down from 8%).

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**<sup>®</sup>, an independent, quarterly survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 800 adult Nova Scotians, conducted from May 9 to May 30, 2011, with results accurate to within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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**CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Spring 2011**  
**Nova Scotia Political Results**

Sample: 800 Nova Scotians (18 years plus)  
 Interview Dates: May 9 to May 30, 2011  
 Margin of Sampling Error: ± 3.5 percentage points (95% confidence level)

<i>How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier Darrell Dexter?</i>					
	<b>May 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
Completely satisfied	2%	2%	3%	2%	<b>1%</b>
Mostly satisfied	41%	40%	45%	42%	<b>46%</b>
Mostly dissatisfied	30%	33%	28%	32%	<b>28%</b>
Completely dissatisfied	18%	14%	15%	13%	<b>11%</b>
Don't know/No answer/Neither	10%	10%	9%	11%	<b>13%</b>

<i>If a provincial election were held today in Nova Scotia, for which party would you vote?</i>					
<b>Party</b>	<b>May 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
NDP	37%	37%	38%	34%	<b>42%</b>
Liberal Party	35%	35%	31%	35%	<b>22%</b>
PC Party	24%	21%	26%	26%	<b>31%</b>
Green Party	4%	7%	4%	4%	<b>4%</b>
Atlantica Party	-	0%	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>
Other	1%	0%	1%	0%	<b>1%</b>
<b>TOTAL DECIDED VOTE</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Undecided/Don't know/No answer/ Do not plan to vote/Refused	43%	42%	42%	45%	<b>41%</b>

<i>Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Nova Scotia?</i>					
<b>Leader</b>	<b>May 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
Darrell Dexter of the NDP	24%	27%	31%	23%	<b>28%</b>
Stephen McNeil of the Liberal Party	29%	31%	27%	26%	<b>20%</b>
Next leader of the PC Party/ Jamie Baillie	18%	16%	17%	13%	<b>21%</b>
John Percy of the Green Party	2%	5%	4%	2%	<b>3%</b>
Jonathan Dean of the Atlantica Party	-	1%	1%	0%	<b>0%</b>
None	10%	6%	6%	8%	<b>5%</b>
Don't know/No answer	17%	15%	14%	27%	<b>17%</b>

