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## **Satisfaction With Government Increases Significantly**

**SAINT JOHN:** Satisfaction with the performance of the PC government increased significantly this quarter, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Presently, seven in ten (68%, up from 62% in February 2011) New Brunswick residents are either completely or mostly satisfied, while two in ten (19%, down from 22%) are dissatisfied. The number of residents who say it is too soon to tell decreased to three percent (down from 8% three months ago).

The provincial PCs continue to hold a wide lead over the Liberals, with a large percentage of undecided voters still evident. More specifically, under six in ten residents (56%, compared with 58% in February 2011) back the PCs, while support for the Liberals stands at 20 percent (down from 27%). Backing for the NDP has increased (20%, up from 8%), while support for the Green Party has decreased (1%, down from 6%). Three percent of decided voters back the People's Alliance of New Brunswick (up from 0%) this quarter. Two in ten are undecided (22%), while six percent do not plan to vote, and nine percent refuse to state a preference.

Support for David Alward slightly decreased this quarter, with four in ten (39%, down from 42% three months ago) stating Alward is their preferred choice for Premier. The next leader of the Liberal Party is preferred by less than two in ten (15%, compared with 16%), while support for Dominic Cardy, the new leader of the NDP, stands at 14% (compared with 6% for the next leader in February). Five percent (unchanged) prefer Jack MacDougall of the Green Party, while 0 percent (compared to 2%) prefer Kris Austin of the People's Alliance of New Brunswick as Premier. Four percent of New Brunswick residents like none of these leaders or prefer others (compared with 6%), while two in ten do not offer a definite opinion (22%, unchanged).

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**<sup>®</sup>, an independent survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 800 adult New Brunswickers, conducted from May 12 to May 31, 2011, with overall results accurate to within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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**CRA *Atlantic Quarterly*® – Spring 2011**  
**New Brunswick Political Results**

Sample: 800 New Brunswickers (18 years plus)  
 Interview Dates: May 12 to May 31, 2011  
 Margin of Sampling Error: ± 3.5 percentage points (95% confidence level)

<b>How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier...</b>					
	<b>Shawn Graham?</b>		<b>David Alward?</b>		
	<b>May 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
Completely satisfied	3%	4%	6%	3%	7%
Mostly satisfied	38%	40%	40%	59%	61%
Mostly dissatisfied	31%	34%	9%	17%	14%
Completely dissatisfied	20%	15%	2%	5%	5%
Too soon to tell	n/a	n/a	33%	8%	3%
Don't know/No answer/Neither	9%	8%	8%	8%	11%

<b>If an election were held today in New Brunswick, for which party would you vote?</b>						
<i>Note: May and August 2010 results include decided and leaning voters</i>						
<b>Party</b>	<b>May 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>September Election Polling</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
Progressive Conservative Party	42%	36%	46%	61%	58%	56%
Liberal Party	37%	41%	36%	25%	27%	20%
New Democratic Party	16%	16%	11%	10%	8%	20%
Green Party	5%	6%	6%	4%	6%	1%
People's Alliance of New Brunswick	n/a	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Other	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL DECIDED VOTE</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Undecided/Do not plan to vote/Refused to state	36%	41%	36%	31%	37%	37%

\*Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

<b>Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of New Brunswick?</b>					
<b>Leader</b>	<b>May 2010</b>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>
David Alward of the PC Party	27%	22%	45%	42%	39%
Shawn Graham/Next leader of the Liberal Party	28%	29%	15%	16%	15%
Roger Duguay/Next leader of the NDP/ Dominic Cardy	10%	8%	6%	6%	14%
Jack MacDougall of the Green Party	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Kris Austin of the People's Alliance of New Brunswick	n/a	3%	2%	2%	0%
None of the above/Other	9%	6%	5%	6%	4%
Don't know/No answer/Refused to state	19%	28%	23%	22%	22%

