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GOVERNMENT SATISFACTION INCREASED

SAINT JOHN: Satisfaction with the performance of the PC government increased this quarter, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Presently, under six in ten (57%, up from 53% in August 2011) of New Brunswick residents are either completely or mostly satisfied, while one-third (33%, compared with 32%) are dissatisfied. The number of residents who say it is too soon to tell stands at one percent, while one in ten do not offer an opinion.

Voter support for the provincial PCs also increased, with over four in ten residents supporting the Progressive Conservative Party (45%, compared with 41% three months ago). Three in ten New Brunswickers back the Liberals (28%, down from 34%). Backing for the NDP is stable (23%, unchanged), as is support for the Green Party (3%, compared with less than 1%). One percent of decided voters back the People's Alliance of New Brunswick (compared with 2%). Four in ten residents are undecided, do not plan to vote, or refused to state a preference (43%, compared with 41%).

Support for David Alward has increased, with under four in ten stating Alward is their preferred choice for Premier (36%, compared with 32%). The next leader of the Liberal Party is preferred by less than two in ten (15%, down from 21%), while support for Dominic Cardy of the NDP stands at 14% (unchanged). Five percent (compared with 2%) prefer Jack MacDougall of the Green Party, while two percent (compared to 1%) prefer Kris Austin of the People's Alliance of New Brunswick as Premier. Five percent of New Brunswick residents like none of these leaders or prefer others, while one-quarter do not offer a definite opinion.

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**[®], an independent survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 802 adult New Brunswickers, conducted from November 14 to November 29, 2011, with overall results accurate to within ± 3.5 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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CRA *Atlantic Quarterly*® – Autumn 2011

New Brunswick Political Results

Sample: 802 New Brunswickers (18 years plus)

Interview Dates: November 14 to November 29, 2011

Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ±3.5 percentage points (95% confidence level)

How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier David Alward?					
	November 2010	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011
Completely satisfied	6%	3%	7%	5%	5%
Mostly satisfied	40%	59%	61%	48%	52%
Mostly dissatisfied	9%	17%	14%	24%	25%
Completely dissatisfied	2%	5%	5%	8%	8%
Too soon to tell	33%	8%	3%	1%	1%
Don't know/No answer/Neither	8%	8%	11%	14%	10%

If an election were held today in New Brunswick, for which party would you vote?					
Party	November 2010	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011
Progressive Conservative Party	61%	58%	56%	41%	45%
Liberal Party	25%	27%	20%	34%	28%
New Democratic Party	10%	8%	20%	23%	23%
Green Party	4%	6%	1%	0%	3%
People's Alliance of New Brunswick	0%	0%	3%	2%	1%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
TOTAL DECIDED VOTE	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Undecided/Do not plan to vote/Refused to state	31%	37%	37%	41%	43%

*Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of New Brunswick?					
Leader	November 2010	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011
David Alward of the PC Party	45%	42%	39%	32%	36%
Next leader of the Liberal Party	15%	16%	15%	21%	15%
Next leader of the NDP/ Dominic Cardy	6%	6%	14%	14%	14%
Jack MacDougall of the Green Party	5%	5%	5%	2%	5%
Kris Austin of the People's Alliance of New Brunswick	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%
None of the above/Other	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%
Don't know/No answer/Refused to state	23%	22%	22%	26%	24%