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## **LIBERAL SUPPORT STRONG**

**HALIFAX:** Support for the ruling provincial Liberal Party in Prince Edward Island is strong following the election, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Presently, over one-half of decided voters back the Liberal Party (53%, down from 59% in August 2011), while one-third support the Progressive Conservative Party (34%, compared with 31%). Support for the Island New Democrats is stable (9%, compared with 7%), as is support for the Green Party (4%, compared with 3%). The number of Islanders who are undecided or refuse to state an opinion stands at 26 percent.

Government satisfaction is high again this quarter, with six in ten (59%, compared with 63% three months ago) residents satisfied with the provincial government. Under four in ten express dissatisfaction (37%, up from 28%), while five percent (compared with 8%) do not offer a definite opinion at this time.

Liberal leader Robert Ghiz's personal popularity is also stable this quarter. Presently, one-half (50%, compared with 46% in August 2011) of residents prefer Ghiz for Premier, while Olive Crane, leader of the PC Party, has the backing of two in ten Islanders (22%, unchanged). Support for James Rodd of the Island New Democrats remains stable (4%, compared with 3%), while three percent favour Sharon Labchuk of the Green Party (compared with 2%). Meanwhile, less than one percent prefer Billy Cann, the leader of the Island Party of PEI (compared with 2%). Eleven percent (compared with 5%) prefer none of these leaders, while 11 percent (compared with 20%) are undecided at this time.

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly<sup>®</sup>**, an independent survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 300 adult Prince Edward Islanders, conducted from November 8 to November 29, 2011, with overall results accurate to within  $\pm 5.7$  percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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# CRA Atlantic Quarterly® –Autumn 2011

## Prince Edward Island Political Results

Sample: 300 Prince Edward Islanders (18 years plus)

Interview Dates: November 8 to November 29, 2011

Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ± 5.7 percentage points (95% confidence level)

### *How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier Robert Ghiz?*

	November 2010	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011
Completely satisfied	3%	4%	6%	6%	8%
Mostly satisfied	62%	59%	63%	57%	51%
Mostly dissatisfied	23%	26%	19%	21%	28%
Completely dissatisfied	7%	3%	6%	7%	9%
Don't know/No answer/Neither	4%	8%	5%	8%	5%

### *If an election were held today on Prince Edward Island, for which party would you vote?*

Party	November 2010	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011
Liberal Party	53%	62%	51%	59%	53%
Progressive Conservative Party	34%	25%	35%	31%	34%
Island New Democrats	4%	11%	13%	7%	9%
Green Party	8%	2%	2%	3%	4%
Island Party of PEI	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL DECIDED VOTE</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
None/Do not plan to vote/Refused to state/Don't know/Undecided	31%	45%	40%	41%	26%

### *Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Prince Edward Island?*

Leader	November 2010	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011
Robert Ghiz of the Liberal Party	47%	46%	48%	46%	50%
Olive Crane of the PCs	29%	19%	19%	22%	22%
James Rodd of the Island New Democrats	2%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Sharon Labchuk of the Green Party	6%	2%	1%	2%	3%
The next leader of the Island Party of PEI/Billy Cann	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%
None of the above/Other	5%	9%	6%	5%	11%
Don't know/No answer	10%	20%	21%	20%	11%

