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**SUPPORT FOR PC GOVERNMENT IS STABLE, ALTHOUGH
SATISFACTION DECLINED**

SAINT JOHN: Satisfaction with the performance of the PC government decreased this quarter, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Presently, just under one-half (47%, down from 57% in November 2011) of New Brunswick residents are either completely or mostly satisfied, while four in ten (41%, up from 33%) 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 is stable, with over four in ten residents supporting the Progressive Conservative Party (45%, unchanged from three months ago). Three in ten New Brunswickers back the Liberals (31%, compared with 28%). Backing for the NDP is also stable (22%, compared with 23%), as is support for the Green Party (3%, unchanged). Less than one percent of decided voters back the People's Alliance of New Brunswick (compared with 1%). Over four in ten residents are undecided, do not plan to vote, or refused to state a preference (45%, compared with 43%).

Support for David Alward declined, returning to levels in August 2011. Three in ten residents prefer Alward for Premier (31%, down from 36%), while the next leader of the Liberal Party is preferred by less than two in ten (17%, compared with 15%). Support for Dominic Cardy of the NDP stands at 11 percent (compared with 14%). Three percent (compared with 5%) prefer Jack MacDougall of the Green Party, while two percent (unchanged) prefer Kris Austin of the People's Alliance of New Brunswick as Premier. Fifteen percent of New Brunswick residents like none of these leaders or prefer others, while two in ten 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 400 adult New Brunswickers, conducted from February 16 to February 29, 2012, with overall results accurate to within ± 4.9 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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CRA *Atlantic Quarterly*® – Winter 2012
New Brunswick Political Results

Sample: 400 New Brunswickers (18 years plus)
 Interview Dates: February 16 to February 29, 2012
 Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ±4.9 percentage points (95% confidence level)

<i>How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier David Alward?</i>					
	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011	February 2012
Completely satisfied	3%	7%	5%	5%	2%
Mostly satisfied	59%	61%	48%	52%	45%
Mostly dissatisfied	17%	14%	24%	25%	32%
Completely dissatisfied	5%	5%	8%	8%	9%
Too soon to tell	8%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know/No answer/Neither	8%	11%	14%	10%	11%

<i>If an election were held today in New Brunswick, for which party would you vote?</i>					
Party	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011	February 2012
Progressive Conservative Party	58%	56%	41%	45%	45%
Liberal Party	27%	20%	34%	28%	31%
New Democratic Party	8%	20%	23%	23%	22%
Green Party	6%	1%	0%	3%	3%
People's Alliance of New Brunswick	0%	3%	2%	1%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
TOTAL DECIDED VOTE	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Undecided/Do not plan to vote/Refused to state	37%	37%	41%	43%	45%

*Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

<i>Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of New Brunswick?</i>					
Leader	February 2011	May 2011	August 2011	November 2011	February 2012
David Alward of the PC Party	42%	39%	32%	36%	31%
Next leader of the Liberal Party	16%	15%	21%	15%	17%
Next leader of the NDP/ Dominic Cardy	6%	14%	14%	14%	11%
Jack MacDougall of the Green Party	5%	5%	2%	5%	3%
Kris Austin of the People's Alliance of New Brunswick	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%
None of the above/Other	6%	4%	4%	5%	15%
Don't know/No answer/Refused to state	22%	22%	26%	24%	20%

