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## **Support for NL PC Government Stable, Remains Highest in Atlantic Canada**

**HALIFAX:** Overall satisfaction with the performance of the provincial PC government is stable this quarter, and remains the highest of any provincial government in Atlantic Canada, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Currently, six in ten (58%, unchanged from three months ago) residents are either completely or mostly satisfied with the performance of the PC government. Over one-third (37%, compared with 34%) are dissatisfied with the performance of the current government, while four percent do not offer a definite opinion (compared with 8%).

Support for the governing Progressive Conservative Party is also stable with just under one-half of decided voters backing the PCs (46%, compared with 45% in August 2012), while support for the NDP stands at 31 percent (compared with 33%). Just over two in ten (23%, compared with 22%) prefer the Liberals, while less than one percent prefer the Green Party (compared with 1%). Over one-quarter are undecided, do not plan to vote, or did not state a preference (27%, compared with 30%).

PC Leader Kathy Dunderdale's personal popularity also stabilized this quarter (36%, compared with 37% three months ago), while three in ten prefer Lorraine Michael of the NDP as Premier of the province (29%, compared with 31%). Support for interim leader Dwight Ball of the Liberal Party rests at 18 percent (compared with 16%), while under two in ten like none of these leaders or have no definite opinion at this time (16%, 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 Newfoundland and Labrador residents. The survey was conducted from November 13 to December 1, 2012 with overall results for the province accurate to within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points in 95 out of 100 samples.

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**CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Autumn 2012**  
**Newfoundland and Labrador Political Results**

Sample: 800 Newfoundland and Labrador Residents (18 years plus)

Interviewing Dates: November 13 to December 1, 2012

Overall 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 Kathy Dunderdale?</i>					
	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>May 2012</b>	<b>August 2012</b>	<b>November 2012</b>
Completely satisfied	12%	8%	5%	6%	<b>8%</b>
Mostly satisfied	63%	65%	55%	52%	<b>50%</b>
Mostly dissatisfied	13%	16%	24%	22%	<b>23%</b>
Completely dissatisfied	3%	5%	9%	12%	<b>14%</b>
Don't know/No answer/Neither	8%	7%	7%	8%	<b>4%</b>

<i>If a provincial election were held today in Newfoundland and Labrador, for which party would you vote?</i>					
<b>Party</b>	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>May 2012</b>	<b>August 2012</b>	<b>November 2012</b>
Progressive Conservative Party	60%	54%	49%	45%	<b>46%</b>
New Democratic Party	26%	28%	33%	33%	<b>31%</b>
Liberal Party	13%	18%	18%	22%	<b>23%</b>
Green Party	0%	0%	0%	1%	<b>0%</b>
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	<b>1%</b>
<b>TOTAL DECIDED VOTE</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>
Undecided/No answer/Do not plan to vote/Refused to state	24%	21%	30%	30%	<b>27%</b>

<i>Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador?</i>					
<b>Leader</b>	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>May 2012</b>	<b>August 2012</b>	<b>November 2012</b>
Kathy Dunderdale of the PC Party (Elected Dec 2010)	59%	48%	44%	37%	<b>36%</b>
Lorraine Michael of the NDP	21%	22%	23%	31%	<b>29%</b>
Yvonne Jones/Kevin Aylward/Interim leader Dwight Ball of the Liberal Party	8%	13%	12%	16%	<b>18%</b>
None of the above/Other	8%	5%	11%	8%	<b>11%</b>
Don't know/No answer	6%	11%	10%	8%	<b>5%</b>