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### **Islanders Continue to be Dissatisfied with the Liberal Government**

**HALIFAX:** Consistent with the past two quarters, more Islanders are dissatisfied than satisfied with the performance of the Ghiz Government, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Presently, over four in ten (43%, compared with 40% in August 2012) residents are satisfied with the provincial government, while one-half express dissatisfaction (51%, compared with 53%). Seven percent (unchanged) do not offer a definite opinion at this time.

In terms of voting intentions, over four in ten decided voters back the governing Liberal Party (45%, compared with 42% three months ago), while three in ten support the Progressive Conservative Party (28%, compared with 32%). Meanwhile, support for the NDP stands at 22 percent (compared with 18%), continuing a year long increase in support for the party. Backing for the Green Party rests at five percent (compared with 8%), while the number of Islanders who are undecided or refuse to state an opinion stands at 40 percent (compared with 35%).

Liberal leader Robert Ghiz's personal popularity is stable this quarter. Presently, over one-third (36%, compared with 33% three months ago) of residents prefer Ghiz for Premier, while Olive Crane, leader of the PC Party, has the backing of two in ten Islanders (19%, compared with 24%). Support for Mike Redmond of the NDP stands at 15 percent (compared with 11%), continuing a year long increase in support on this measure. Support for Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party stands at eight percent (compared with 5%), while one percent prefer the next leader of the Island Party of PEI (unchanged). Less than one in ten (7%, compared with 8%) prefer none of these leaders, while 14 percent (compared with 19%) are undecided or do not offer a response 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 600 adult Prince Edward Islanders, conducted from November 8 to December 1, 2012, with overall results accurate to within  $\pm 4.0$  percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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## CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Autumn 2012

### Prince Edward Island Political Results

Sample: 600 Prince Edward Islanders (18 years plus)

Interview Dates: November 8 to December 1, 2012

Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ± 4.0 percentage points (95% confidence level)

<i>How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier Robert Ghiz?</i>					
	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>May 2012</b>	<b>August 2012</b>	<b>November 2012</b>
Completely satisfied	8%	4%	2%	3%	<b>3%</b>
Mostly satisfied	51%	59%	40%	37%	<b>40%</b>
Mostly dissatisfied	28%	23%	32%	32%	<b>29%</b>
Completely dissatisfied	9%	10%	22%	21%	<b>22%</b>
Don't know/No answer/Neither	5%	5%	4%	7%	<b>7%</b>

<i>If an election were held today on Prince Edward Island, 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>
Liberal Party	53%	50%	47%	42%	<b>45%</b>
Progressive Conservative Party	34%	33%	26%	32%	<b>28%</b>
New Democratic Party	9%	11%	18%	18%	<b>22%</b>
Green Party	4%	5%	8%	8%	<b>5%</b>
Island Party of PEI	0%	0%	1%	0%	<b>0%</b>
Other	0%	0%	1%	0%	<b>0%</b>
<b>TOTAL DECIDED VOTE</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
None/Do not plan to vote/Refused to state/Don't know/Undecided	26%	36%	36%	35%	<b>40%</b>

<i>Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Prince Edward Island?</i>					
<b>Leader</b>	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>February 2012</b>	<b>May 2012</b>	<b>August 2012</b>	<b>November 2012</b>
Robert Ghiz of the Liberal Party (Elected June 2007)	50%	41%	35%	33%	<b>36%</b>
Olive Crane of the Progressive Conservatives	22%	26%	22%	24%	<b>19%</b>
James Rodd/The next leader/Mike Redmond of the New Democratic Party	4%	6%	12%	11%	<b>15%</b>
Sharon Labchuk/Interim leader Darcie Lanthier/Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party	3%	5%	5%	5%	<b>8%</b>
The next leader/Billy Cann of the Island Party of PEI	0%	1%	1%	1%	<b>1%</b>
None of the above/Other	11%	7%	13%	8%	<b>7%</b>
Don't know/No answer	11%	14%	13%	19%	<b>14%</b>