

## PEI Liberals maintain lead as most preferred political party in the province

- PEI Liberals remain the preferred party in the province, while the Green Party declines in support this quarter
- A majority of PEI residents remain satisfied with the performance of the provincial government
- Preference for Premier Wade MacLauchlan is stable this quarter, however Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party continues to be the preferred leader in the province

**HALIFAX, NS September 12, 2017:** The Prince Edward Island Liberal Party remains the preferred party in the province, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Specifically, nearly one-half of decided voters support the PEI Liberal Party this quarter (45%, compared with 38% in May 2017). Meanwhile, backing for the Progressive Conservative Party stands at 24 percent (compared with 26%), and support for the Green Party rests at 18 percent (down from 26%). Finally, 12 percent of PEI residents support the New Democratic Party (compared with 10%).

One-quarter of Islanders are undecided (26%, compared with 25% three months ago), while five percent refuse to state a preference (unchanged), and three percent either support none of the parties or do not plan to vote (unchanged).

With regards to government satisfaction, one-half of PEI residents are satisfied (51%, compared with 49% three months ago), while just over four in ten residents are dissatisfied (43%, compared with 48%). The number of residents who do not offer a definite opinion on the matter stands at six percent (compared with 3%).

In terms of leader preference, one-quarter of PEI residents express their support for Premier Wade MacLauchlan (26%, compared with 24% in May 2017), while nearly four in ten prefer Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party (37%, unchanged). Preference for interim leader Jamie Fox of the PC Party is stable (13%, compared with 15%), while five percent back Mike Redmond of the NDP (compared with 6%). Finally, three percent prefer none of these leaders (compared with 4%), and one in six residents do not offer an opinion on the matter (16%, compared with 14%).

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**<sup>®</sup>, an independent telephone survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 301 adult Prince Edward Islanders, conducted from August 3 to September 5, 2017, with overall results accurate to within  $\pm 5.6$  percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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## CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Summer 2017 Prince Edward Island Political Results

Sample: 301 Prince Edward Islanders (18 years plus)

Interview Dates: August 3 to September 5, 2017

Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ± 5.6 percentage points (95% confidence level)

Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

<b>How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier Wade MacLauchlan?</b>					
	<b>August 2016</b>	<b>November 2016</b>	<b>February 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>August 2017</b>
Completely satisfied	7%	7%	5%	3%	<b>3%</b>
Mostly satisfied	58%	53%	45%	46%	<b>48%</b>
Mostly dissatisfied	22%	26%	31%	32%	<b>32%</b>
Completely dissatisfied	7%	9%	15%	16%	<b>11%</b>
Don't know/No answer/Neither	5%	5%	4%	3%	<b>6%</b>

Current overall margin of error is ± 5.6 percentage points based on a sample size of 301.

<b>If an election were held today on Prince Edward Island, for which party would you vote?</b>					
<b>Party</b>	<b>August 2016</b>	<b>November 2016</b>	<b>February 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>August 2017</b>
Liberal Party	64%	46%	48%	38%	<b>45%</b>
Progressive Conservative Party	19%	25%	19%	26%	<b>24%</b>
Green Party	9%	22%	26%	26%	<b>18%</b>
New Democratic Party	8%	7%	7%	10%	<b>12%</b>
Other	1%	0%	0%	0%	<b>1%</b>
<b>TOTAL DECIDED VOTE</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
None/Do not plan to vote	6%	4%	4%	3%	<b>3%</b>
Refused to state	7%	4%	6%	5%	<b>5%</b>
Don't know/Undecided	15%	15%	24%	25%	<b>26%</b>

Current overall margin of error for decided voters is ± 6.8 percentage points based on a sample size of 206.

<b>Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Prince Edward Island?</b>					
<b>Leader</b>	<b>August 2016</b>	<b>November 2016</b>	<b>February 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>August 2017</b>
Wade MacLauchlan of the Liberal Party	46%	37%	29%	24%	<b>26%</b>
Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party	22%	31%	34%	37%	<b>37%</b>
Interim leader Jamie Fox of the PC Party	11%	13%	12%	15%	<b>13%</b>
Mike Redmond of the NDP	5%	5%	4%	6%	<b>5%</b>
None of the above/Other	4%	4%	5%	4%	<b>3%</b>
Don't know/No answer	12%	9%	16%	14%	<b>16%</b>

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