

Support for PEI Liberals at lowest point since 2004

- The PEI Liberal Party maintains its position as the preferred party in the province this quarter, despite support being at its lowest level since February 2004
- Satisfaction with the performance of the provincial government is stable
- 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 December 6, 2017: The Prince Edward Island Liberal Party remains the preferred party in the province, despite support being at its lowest level since February 2004, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Specifically, nearly four in ten decided voters support the PEI Liberal Party this quarter (37%, compared with 45% in August 2017). Meanwhile, three in ten back the Progressive Conservative Party (28% compared with 24%), and one-quarter support the Green Party (25%, compared with 18%). Finally, one in ten PEI residents prefer the New Democratic Party (11%, compared with 12%).

One-quarter of Islanders are undecided (27%, compared with 26% three months ago), while six percent refuse to state a preference (compared with 5%), and four percent either support none of the parties or do not plan to vote (compared with 3%).

With regards to government satisfaction, one-half of PEI residents are satisfied (49%, compared with 51% three months ago), while four in ten residents are dissatisfied (41%, compared with 43%). The number of residents who do not offer a definite opinion on the matter stands at 11 percent (compared with 6%).

In terms of leader preference, one-quarter of PEI residents express their support for Premier Wade MacLauchlan (27%, compared with 26% in August 2017), while one-third prefer Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party (33%, compared with 37%). Preference for James Aylward of the PC Party is consistent with support for interim leader Jamie Fox last quarter (14%, compared with 13%), while six percent back Mike Redmond of the NDP (compared with 5%). Finally, four percent prefer none of these leaders (compared with 3%), and one in ten residents do not offer an opinion on the matter (18%, compared with 16%).

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**[®], an independent telephone survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 600 adult Prince Edward Islanders, conducted from November 1 to 30, 2017, with overall results accurate to within ± 4.0 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Autumn 2017 Prince Edward Island Political Results

Sample: 600 Prince Edward Islanders (18 years plus)

Interview Dates: November 1 to 30, 2017

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

Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the provincial government led by Premier Wade MacLauchlan?					
	November 2016	February 2017	May 2017	August 2017	November 2017
Completely satisfied	7%	5%	3%	3%	5%
Mostly satisfied	53%	45%	46%	48%	44%
Mostly dissatisfied	26%	31%	32%	32%	26%
Completely dissatisfied	9%	15%	16%	11%	15%
Don't know/No answer/Neither	5%	4%	3%	6%	11%

Current overall margin of error is ± 5.6 percentage points based on a sample size of 300.

If an election were held today on Prince Edward Island, for which party would you vote?					
Party	November 2016	February 2017	May 2017	August 2017	November 2017
Liberal Party	46%	48%	38%	45%	37%
Progressive Conservative Party	25%	19%	26%	24%	28%
Green Party	22%	26%	26%	18%	25%
New Democratic Party	7%	7%	10%	12%	11%
Other	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
TOTAL DECIDED VOTE	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
None/Do not plan to vote	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Refused to state	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Don't know/Undecided	15%	24%	25%	26%	27%

Current overall margin of error for decided voters is ± 5.0 percentage points based on a sample size of 388.

Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Prince Edward Island?					
Leader	November 2016	February 2017	May 2017	August 2017	November 2017
Wade MacLauchlan of the Liberal Party	37%	29%	24%	26%	27%
Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party	31%	34%	37%	37%	33%
James Aylward/Interim leader Jamie Fox of the PC Party	13%	12%	15%	13%	14%
Mike Redmond of the NDP	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%
None of the above/Other	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%
Don't know/No answer	9%	16%	14%	16%	18%

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