

Voter support for PEI Green Party reaches highest level to date

- Voter support for the PEI Liberal Party and the Green Party remains even this quarter
- Satisfaction with the performance of the provincial government led by the governing Liberal Party is stable
- Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party continues to be the preferred leader in the province

HALIFAX, NS September 6, 2018: Voter support for the Prince Edward Island Liberal Party and the Green Party continues to be even this quarter, according to the most recent survey conducted by **Corporate Research Associates Inc.** Specifically, just under four in ten decided voters support the PEI Liberal Party this quarter (35%, compared with 34% in May 2018), while four in ten voters back the Green Party (38%, compared with 33%). Preference for the Progressive Conservatives now stands at 20 percent (compared with 26%), while seven percent of PEI residents prefer the New Democratic Party (unchanged).

One-fifth of Islanders are undecided (20%, compared with 23% three months ago), while six percent refuse to state a preference (compared with 5%), and two percent either support none of the parties or do not plan to vote (compared with 4%).

With regards to government satisfaction, one-half of PEI residents are satisfied (49%, compared with 52% three months ago), while nearly the same number of residents are dissatisfied (48%, compared with 42%). The number of residents who do not offer a definite opinion on the matter rests at two percent (down from 7%).

In terms of leader preference, one-quarter of PEI residents express their support for Premier Wade MacLauchlan (25%, compared with 24% in May 2018), while four in ten prefer Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party (38%, compared with 39%). One in six residents support James Aylward of the PC Party (16%, compared with 17%), while five percent back Joe Byrne of NDP (compared with 4%). Finally, five percent prefer none of these leaders (compared with 3%), and one in ten residents do not offer an opinion on the matter (11%, compared with 13%).

These results are part of the **CRA Atlantic Quarterly**[®], an independent telephone survey of Atlantic Canadians, and are based on a sample of 300 adult Prince Edward Islanders, conducted from August 2 to 21, 2018, with overall results accurate to within ± 5.7 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times.

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CRA Atlantic Quarterly® – Summer 2018 Prince Edward Island Political Results

Sample: 300 Prince Edward Islanders (18 years plus)

Interview Dates: August 2 to 21, 2018

Overall Margin of Sampling Error: ± 5.7 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?					
	August 2017	November 2017	February 2018	May 2018	August 2018
Completely satisfied	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%
Mostly satisfied	48%	44%	48%	48%	46%
Mostly dissatisfied	32%	26%	30%	26%	28%
Completely dissatisfied	11%	15%	17%	16%	20%
Don't know/No answer/Neither	6%	11%	2%	7%	2%

Current overall margin of error is ± 5.7 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	August 2017	November 2017	February 2018	May 2018	August 2018
Liberal Party	45%	37%	42%	34%	35%
Green Party	18%	25%	34%	33%	38%
Progressive Conservative Party	24%	28%	17%	26%	20%
New Democratic Party	12%	11%	6%	7%	7%
Other	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
TOTAL DECIDED VOTE	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%
None/Do not plan to vote	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Refused to state	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%
Don't know/Undecided	26%	27%	20%	23%	20%

Current overall margin of error for decided voters is ± 6.7 percentage points based on a sample size of 213.

Which one of the following individuals would you most prefer as Premier of Prince Edward Island?					
Leader	August 2017	November 2017	February 2018	May 2018	August 2018
Wade MacLauchlan of the Liberal Party	26%	27%	26%	24%	25%
Peter Bevan-Baker of the Green Party	37%	33%	37%	39%	38%
Interim leader Jamie Fox/James Aylward of the PC Party	13%	14%	16%	17%	16%
Mike Redmond/the next leader/Joe Byrne of the NDP	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%
None of the above/Other	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%
Don't know/No answer	16%	18%	15%	13%	11%

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