

## **Abingdon Research poll of PEI election puts the Liberals in the lead**

**April 21, 2015** – Abingdon Research released a poll of voters in the PEI election showing the Liberals on track for a third majority government.

“If the election were held today Premier Wade MacLauchlan will be re-elected with a significant majority,” said Hamish I. Marshall, Chief Research Officer of Abingdon Research. “The PC’s are holding their won under new leadership, while the Island New Democrats have picked up significant support.”

The survey found the Liberals had 43% support, the PC’s 27%, Island New Democrats 18% and the Greens at 12% among decided voters. However, there is a large number of undecided voters – nearly 4 in 10 (37%) have yet to make up their minds. How those votes break in the last two weeks will decide the campaign.

The Liberals do better with men and people over 55, the PC’s do best with middle-aged people 35 to 54, and the Island New Democrats outperform with women and people under 34.

“With less than two weeks to go the Liberals look to be cruising to victory – but the large number of undecideds and a high number for the Greens – which often is a sign of “vote parking” means the situation could change quickly,” said Marshall.

The survey was conducted online using a representative panel of Prince Edward Island residents. 511 interviews were concluded between April 13 and 20<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%, nineteen times out of twenty. Results have been weighted by the latest census data from Statistics Canada for age, gender and electoral turnout patterns based on research by Elections Canada.

### **About Abingdon Research**

Abingdon is a national public opinion research firm based in Vancouver. Founded in 2010 we provide our clients the best methodology for their project, not what’s best for our bottom line. We have worked for media organizations, corporations and political parties. We have no clients involved in the PEI election and provided this poll at our cost as a public service.

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**Tables of Results**

All voters	Liberal	PC	NDP	Green	Undecided
PEI	27%	17%	12%	8%	37%
Male	32%	19%	11%	9%	29%
Female	23%	16%	14%	8%	39%
18 to 34	24%	15%	18%	9%	34%
35 to 54	25%	19%	10%	10%	36%
55 & up	33%	17%	15%	6%	29%

Decided voters	Liberal	PC	NDP	Green
PEI	43%	27%	18%	12%
Male	45%	27%	16%	12%
Female	38%	27%	22%	12%
18 to 34	36%	22%	27%	14%
35 to 54	39%	30%	15%	16%
55 & up	46%	24%	21%	9%

