

## **Six riding polls reveal PC's in trouble**

**April 24, 2015** – Abingdon Research has polled six ridings in the Alberta Provincial Election. All six ridings are held by PC MLA's, and in each one the PC candidate is behind a challenger from an opposition party.

"These riding polls show that if the election were held today the PC's would lose in all six of these seats," said Hamish Marshall, Chief Research Officer of Abingdon Research. "They are losing to the Alberta Party in Calgary-Elbow, to the NDP in Edmonton and to the Wildrose in rural Alberta and suburban Calgary. Prominent PC cabinet ministers are on track to lose on Election Day."

The six polls were conducted in the following ridings:

- Calgary-Elbow
- Calgary-Acadia
- Calgary-Klein
- Edmonton – Gold Bar
- Stony Plain
- Chestermere-Rockyview

"Several of these ridings are very close and each party's GOTV and last minute efforts could make all the difference," said Marshall.

The results of the individual polls are below.

The polls were conducted on Wednesday, April 22 using interactive voice response technology. The polling was independently commissioned by RackNine as a public service to Albertans.

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### **Alberta Party Leader ahead in Calgary - Elbow**

This fight is a re-run of last fall's by election which saw Education Minister Gordon Dirks defeat Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark. This time, however, Clark is in the lead (30% of decided voters) ahead of Dirks (25%). The Wildrose, is in third, just like in the by-election. 19% of voters are undecided.

Despite Clark leading in the polls, both Prentice and Notley both score higher when it comes to being the leader who cares most about people like them.

Survey of 409 residents of Calgary - Elbow with a margin of error of +/- 4.8%, nineteen times out twenty. Results have been weighted by age, gender based on the most recent census data from Statistics Canada and past provincial vote.

Candidate	All Voters	Decided Voters
Alberta Party	24%	30%
PC	20%	25%
Wildrose	16%	20%
NDP	14%	17%
Liberal	5%	6%
Undecided	19%	-

Leader who cares most about people like you	
Jim Prentice	20%
Rachel Notley	18%
Greg Clark	17%
Brian Jean	14%
David Swann	7%
Don't know	24%



### Justice Minister in Trouble in Calgary-Acadia

Minister of Justice, Solicitor-General and Government House Leader Jonathan Denis is 18% behind Wildrose candidate Linda Carlson in Calgary-Acadia among decided voters. Not only is the PC candidate in second place, but he is tied with the NDP – each with 26% of decided voters. A quarter of voters (26%) are undecided.

Survey of 347 residents of Calgary-Acadia with a margin of error of +/- 5.3%, nineteen times out twenty. Results have been weighted by age, gender based on the most recent census data from Statistics Canada and past provincial vote.

Candidate	All Voters	Decided Voters
Wildrose	32%	44%
PC	19%	26%
NDP	19%	26%
Liberal	3%	4%
Undecided	26%	-

Leader who cares most about people like you	
Brian Jean	22%
Rachel Notley	18%
Jim Prentice	14%
David Swann	11%
Greg Clark	3%
Don't know	32%



### **Environment Minister running third in Calgary-Klein**

Environment Minister Kyle Fawcett is in third place behind the Wildrose and NDP candidates. The Wildrose is leading with a third of the vote (32% of decided voters), with the NDP in second at 27% and the PC incumbent at 26%. One fifth of voters (21%) are undecided.

The tight three way race is made more interesting by the fact that more voters see Jim Prentice the leader who cares the most about people like them (20%), than Rachel Notley (19%) and Brian Jean (18%).

Survey of 482 residents of Calgary-Klein with a margin of error of +/- 4.5%, nineteen times out twenty. Results have been weighted by age, gender based on the most recent census data from Statistics Canada and past provincial vote.

Candidate	All Voters	Decided Voters
Wildrose	25%	32%
NDP	21%	27%
PC	20%	26%
Liberal	8%	10%
Other	5%	6%
Undecided	21%	-

Leader who cares most about people like you	
Jim Prentice	20%
Rachel Notley	19%
Brian Jean	18%
David Swann	12%
Greg Clark	4%
Don't know	27%



### **NDP Cruising to Victory in Edmonton – Gold Bar**

The NDP candidate in Edmonton – Gold Bar, Marlin Schmidt, is far ahead of PC junior cabinet minister, David Dorward. In fact, the NDP has the support of two-thirds of decided voters (66%) to only one in six for the PC's (16%). Rachel Notley dominates as the leader who cares the most about people like them (50%).

Survey of 569 residents of Edmonton – Gold Bar with a margin of error of +/- 4.1%, nineteen times out twenty. Results have been weighted by age, gender based on the most recent census data from Statistics Canada and past provincial vote.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>All Voters</b>	<b>Decided Voters</b>
NDP	53%	66%
PC	13%	16%
Wildrose	7%	9%
Liberal	5%	6%
Alberta Party	4%	4%
Undecided	19%	-

<b>Leader who cares most about people like you</b>	
Rachel Notley	50%
Jim Prentice	10%
David Swann	8%
Brian Jean	5%
Greg Clark	2%
Don't know	25%

### **Wildrose and NDP in tight fight in Stony Plain**

Stony Plains see the Wildrose and NDP locked in a fight with the incumbent PCs in a distant third place. The Wildrose has the support of less than four in ten (37%) decided voters, while the NDP is the choice of a third (33%). The NDP growth is fueled by respect for Rachel Notley who is the leader most likely to be chosen as one who cares the most about people like them (27%).

Survey of 391 residents of Stony Plain with a margin of error of +/- 5.0%, nineteen times out twenty. Results have been weighted by age, gender based on the most recent census data from Statistics Canada and past provincial vote.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>All Voters</b>	<b>Decided Voters</b>
Wildrose	29%	37%
NDP	25%	33%
PC	15%	20%
Liberal	3%	4%
Other	4%	6%
Undecided	23%	-

<b>Leader who cares most about people like you</b>	
Rachel Notley	27%
Brian Jean	21%
Jim Prentice	12%
David Swann	7%
Greg Clark	3%
Don't know	30%



### **Floor crossing PC MLA behind Wildrose challenger**

Bruce McAllister, the Wildrose turned PC MLA, is running a distant second (26% of decided voters) to Leela Aheer, the Wildrose candidate (49%). Independent Jamie Lall has the support of 10% of decided voters. While Aheer's lead is strong almost a fifth of voters (19%) are still undecided.

Survey of 352 residents of Chestermere-Rockyview with a margin of error of +/- 5.2%, nineteen times out twenty. Results have been weighted by age, gender based on the most recent census data from Statistics Canada and past provincial vote.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>All Voters</b>	<b>Decided Voters</b>
Wildrose	40%	49%
PC	21%	26%
NDP	10%	13%
Alberta Party	1%	2%
Other	8%	10%
Undecided	19%	-

<b>Leader who cares most about people like you</b>	
Brian Jean	32%
Don't know	31%
Jim Prentice	18%
Rachel Notley	11%
David Swann	6%
Greg Clark	3%

