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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY  
LEADERSHIP RACE**

**Dinning and Morton: dead heat.**

**Race for third position is wide open  
between Oberg, Stelmach,  
Norris, and Hancock.**

**25% of Party Members  
still undecided.**

**Second Ballot likely scenario.**

1. Dinning and Morton are tied for the lead in the Race to replace Premier Ralph Klein, with Dinning obtaining 21% of the voter intentions, compared to 18% for Morton. The difference in the two proportions is not statistically significant.
2. Oberg finds himself behind the two front-runners, with only 11%, also in a statistical tie with Stelmach (10%), Norris (7%).
3. The rest of the leadership hopefuls lag behind: Hancock with 6%, McPherson at 2% and Doerksen at 1%.
4. One card-carrying PC Party Member out of four (25%) is still undecided about who they are likely to support.

**Question:**

*As you may already know, Ralph Klein has announced he will retire from politics and there are eight candidates in the PC Party Leadership Race to replace him. Of the eight candidates, which one will you vote for?*

	Albertans n=801	Calgary n=265	Edmonton n=266	Other regions n=270
Mr. Jim Dinning	21%	30%	20%	13%
Mr. Ted Morton	18%	23%	11%	20%
Mr. Lyle Oberg	11%	9%	11%	12%
Mr. Ed Stelmach	10%	3%	9%	18%
Mr. Mark Norris	7%	5%	10%	5%
Mr. Dave Hancock	6%	2%	14%	3%
Mr. Gary McPherson	2%	1%	5%	0%
Mr. Vic Doerksen	1%	0%	0%	2%
Don't know	25%	28%	21%	27%

5. Dinning topped the list of leadership candidates when undecided Party members were asked to report who they are “leaning towards”, or whom they are “likely to support”, although the differences between the three candidates, Dinning-Morton-Oberg is not statistically significant.

	Who are you likely to support? n=201 undecided party members
Mr. Jim Dinning	12%
Mr. Mark Norris	8%
Mr. Lyle Oberg	7%
Mr. Ted Morton	10%
Mr. Ed Stelmach	2%
Mr. David Hancock	1%
Don't know	59%
Refusal	6%
Don't know	59%

6. The poll went on to ask respondents about their second choice for the Leader of the PC Party. Dinning garnered the most number of votes, followed by Norris. Norris, Stelmach, Morton and Oberg are in a statistical tie for second position.

	Who is your second choice among the Leadership Candidates? n=671
Mr. Jim Dinning	15%
Mr. Mark Norris	11%
Mr. Ed Stelmach	11%
Mr. Ted Morton	10%
Mr. Lyle Oberg	10%
Mr. David Hancock	5%
Mr. Gary McPherson	1%
Mr. Victor Doerksen	1%
Don't know	35%
Refusal	2%

## Methodology

This Leger Marketing opinion poll was conducted November 18-21, 2006, among a random selection of 801 PC Party Members using the list of approximately 37,000 registered voters, distributed by the Progressive Party November 6, 2006. The maximum margin of error for a sample of this size is  $\pm 3.4\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

The margin of error for each area, namely Calgary, Edmonton and other areas combined is  $\pm 6.0\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

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