

**CARP Fire Safety/Public Health/Reform Bill Poll Report**  
**February 7, 2013**

**Key Findings - Fire Safety**

**Members agree overwhelmingly that fire codes must demand all seniors' living facilities be retrofitted for sprinklers, and that there be a national set of fire safety standards for these buildings.**

**Just one third think sprinklers should be required equipment in seniors' residences and long term care facilities only, and as many as 9-in-10 think *all* residences, including private homes, should be required to have sprinklers.**

**While members think national fire safety standards and more staff may have helped save residents of the Quebec nursing home fire, they agree the one most important safety factor is sprinklers in every room.**

**Public Health**

**A relatively small minority of members has caught the flu this year, and three quarters have already been inoculated. The remaining quarter do no plan to get the shot, mostly because they mistrust vaccines and because they think they will not fall ill.**

**Those who did get the vaccine did so mostly at the doctor's office (one half), while a quarter got their shot at a pharmacy. Two thirds say they get the flu shot every year.**

**Parliamentary Reform Bill**

**One third have heard of MP Michael Chong's parliamentary reform bill, but as many as three quarters approve of it when it is described to them, and similar proportions think it will lead to reforms in parliament (three quarters) and greater accountability (two thirds).**

**Electoral Preference**

**The Liberals maintain their slim lead over the Conservatives in our latest wave of polling, while the NDP remain a distant third.**

## Detailed Findings - Fire Safety

Every member agrees that fire codes should require retrofitting sprinkler to all long term care facilities and seniors' residences (98%), and virtually all express this view strongly (82%).

***A nursing home in Quebec was destroyed by fire recently. Only the newest wing had sprinklers because the building code didn't require them for the older wing. Do you agree or disagree building codes should require retrofitting sprinklers in all long term care residences or nursing homes?***

<b>AGREE</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Agree strongly</b>	82%
<b>Agree</b>	14%
<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	1%
<b>Disagree strongly</b>	*
<b>NO NEED FOR NEW BUILDING CODES</b>	1%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	1%

Almost all members agree that there should be national, rather than provincial, standards for fire safety in nursing homes and long term care facilities (81%) and almost two thirds express the strongest agreement (61%).

***Currently, fire standards and regulations at long term care facilities are a provincial responsibility. Do you agree or disagree the federal government should set national standards for fire safety at these residences?***

<b>AGREE</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Agree strongly</b>	61%
<b>Agree</b>	20%
<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	7%
<b>Disagree strongly</b>	3%
<b>NO NEED FOR NATIONAL STANDARDS</b>	6%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	4%

Just one third think sprinklers should be mandatory in all seniors' homes and residences only (33%), as many as 7-in-10 think this should apply to all public housing (70%), and a further quarter think private residences should be included as well (22%).

***If national fire safety standards were put in place, to which kinds of residences should they apply***

<b>Publicly owned long term care facilities only</b>	1%
<b>These and privately owned long term care facilities</b>	14%
<b>These and seniors residences/assisted living</b>	18%
<b>These and public housing</b>	37%
<b>These and private dwellings</b>	22%
<b>NO NEED FOR NATIONAL STANDARDS</b>	7%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	1%

Sprinklers are seen to be the one factor which might have saved the most lives in the Quebec nursing home fire (62%), followed by national standards (13%) and having more staff on duty (10%).

***What one factor do you think would have made the most difference to saving lives in the Quebec fire?***

<b>Sprinklers throughout residence</b>	62%
<b>National Fire Safety standards</b>	13%
<b>More staff on duty</b>	10%
<b>Well-rehearsed escape route/emergency plan</b>	6%
<b>OTHER/DON'T KNOW</b>	9%

## Public Health

One-in-seven members has had the flu this year (14%).

### *Have you had the flu this year?*

<b>Yes</b>	14%
<b>No</b>	86%

Fully three quarters of members have already gotten a flu shot or plan to (73%), and just one quarter do not plan to get one (26%).

### *Have you had a flu shot or are you planning on getting a flu shot this season?*

<b>YES</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Have gotten</b>	72%
<b>Will get</b>	1%
<b>No, not planning to get a flu shot</b>	26%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	1%

Two thirds of members get a flu shot every year (67%), and few get one more rarely than this (16%) or never (18%).

### *How often do you get a flu shot?*

<b>Every year</b>	67%
<b>Most years</b>	7%
<b>If flu is especially virulent</b>	1%
<b>Rarely</b>	8%
<b>Never</b>	18%

Among those who have had or are planning to have the flu shot, ne half have had it at the doctor's office (49%) and a quarter at a pharmacy (26%).

***If you have had a flu shot or are planning to get one, where will you go to be vaccinated?***

<b>Doctor's office</b>	49%
<b>Pharmacy</b>	26%
<b>Public health clinic</b>	9%
<b>Community centre</b>	6%
<b>Walk-in clinic</b>	5%
<b>Work or school</b>	3%
<b>OTHER/DON'T KNOW</b>	2%

Of those not planning to be inoculated, more than a third say they don't trust vaccines (38%) and a further one third claim they don't get sick (33%).

***If you are not planning to get the flu shot, what is the most important reason?***

<b>Don't trust vaccines</b>	38%
<b>Don't get sick</b>	33%
<b>Vaccines don't work</b>	4%
<b>Don't have access</b>	2%
<b>Supplies have run out</b>	2%
<b>No time</b>	1%
<b>OTHER/DON'T KNOW</b>	6%

## Parliamentary Reform

Just more than one third of members have heard of MP Michael Chong's parliamentary Reform Bill (37%).

### ***Have you heard of MP Michael Chong and his proposed Reform of Parliament Bill?***

<b>Yes</b>	37%
<b>No</b>	63%

Three quarters approve of the bill after having it explained (76%), and one third express their approval in the strongest terms (34%).

***This bill would make three key changes in whether the leader or elected MPs have the most influence over caucus - first, the party leader would no longer be able to appoint or select candidates, they would be selected by the riding association. Second, it would make party caucus chair a position elected by caucus members and not appointed by the leader and it would also rule out summary expulsion of members from caucus without a vote by caucus members. Third, it would ensure that the leader's term could be reviewed and terminated by caucus and a new leader elected by the party membership. Do you approve or disapprove of this bill?***

<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Approve strongly</b>	34%
<b>Approve</b>	42%
<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	6%
<b>Disapprove strongly</b>	3%
<b>NO NEED FOR PARLIAMENTARY REFORM</b>	1%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	15%

Three quarters agree the measures contained in the bill will lead to reform of parliament (72%), and more than a third express this as significant reform (38%).

***Do you see these proposed changes as a significant reform to how political parties are run, or not?***

<b>REFORM</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>Significant reform</b>	38%
<b>Reform</b>	34%
<b>NO CHANGE</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Not much change</b>	10%
<b>No change at all</b>	2%
<b>NO NEED FOR PARLIAMENTARY REFORM</b>	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	13%

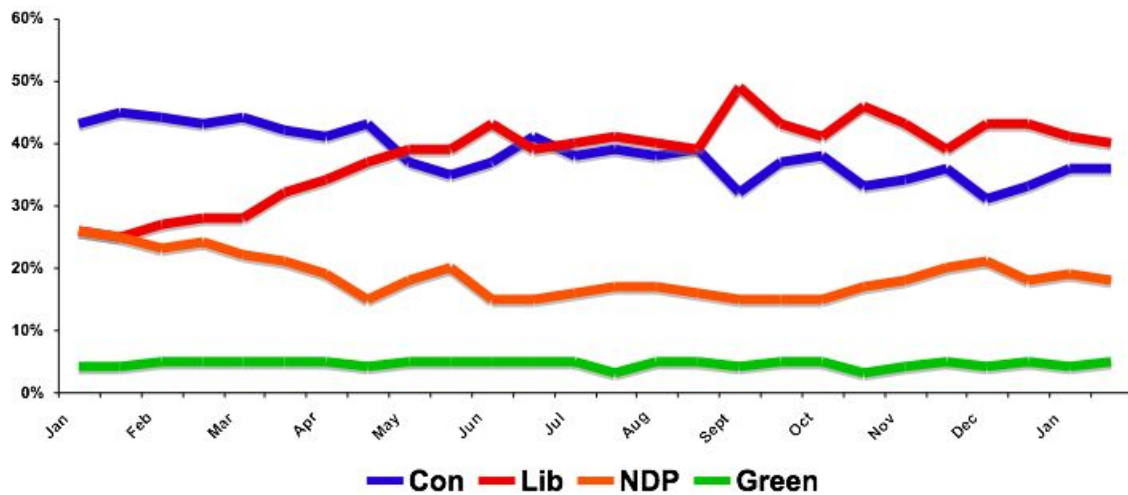
Two thirds of members think the proposed bill would improve accountability of parliament (69%), and this viewpoint is held strongly by one quarter (25%).

***Do you think the Reform Bill would improve the accountability of Parliament to voters or not?***

<b>WOULD IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	25%
<b>Somewhat</b>	44%
<b>WOULD NOT IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Wouldn't do much</b>	12%
<b>Wouldn't do anything at all</b>	6%
<b>NO NEED FOR PARLIAMENTARY ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	1%
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	13%

## Electoral Preference

Since the surge in Liberal popularity noted five months ago, when they peaked at 49%, the Conservatives and the Liberals have converged again, with the Liberals in the lead at 40% and the Conservatives in second at 36%. The NDP are the third party at 18%.



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