

Sample: 400 HRM residents (18 years plus)
Interview Dates: May 6 to May 20, 2010
Margin of Sampling Error: ±4.9 percentage points (95% confidence level)

All things considered, how satisfied are you with the overall direction of the municipal government in HRM? Are you completely satisfied, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied, or completely dissatisfied?

	Q1 2010	Q2 2010
Completely satisfied	2%	2%
Mostly satisfied	53%	50%
Mostly dissatisfied	28%	31%
Completely dissatisfied	10%	12%
Don't know/No answer	6%	5%

As you may or may not know, the Halifax Regional Municipality council currently consists of 23 councillors. In Canada, council size is varied, for example, St. John's Newfoundland has 10 councillors, London Ontario has 14 councillors, and Ottawa Ontario has 23 councillors. In your opinion, what would be an appropriate number of council members for HRM?

	HRM Overall	Halifax	Dartmouth	Bedford/Sackville	Other HRM
Average # of Councillors	15.4	15.9	16.1	14.3	14.6

As you may or may not know, the Halifax Regional Municipality will have a budget deficit of over \$30 million this year. Which of the following measures do you personally support or oppose to address this budget deficit? Do you support or oppose:

	Support	Oppose
Decreasing the size of council	78%	17%
A wage freeze for HRM employees	55%	39%
Reducing the number of HRM staff	53%	38%
A hiring freeze for vacant positions in HRM	49%	42%
Increasing Metro Transit fares	36%	58%
A reduction in services provided by the municipal government	29%	64%
An increase in property taxes	19%	78%
Reducing snow removal services	16%	81%

