# BC Reid Express - October 2005 (4783a20)



#### **CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

- cu1. Who would you trust more when it comes to providing safe drinking water to your community, A private company or your community's local government? Would that be a little or a lot more?
- cu2. And who would you trust more when it comes to providing affordable drinking water to your community, A private company or your community's local government? Would that be a little or a lot more?
- 3 cu3. On the whole, would you say that you support or oppose the privatization of water services, including providing drinking water?
- cu4\_1. I am now going to read you some things that other people have said about water services. Please tell me whether you agree or diagree with each statement: I believe that the private sector would do a better job than government at managing water services
- 5 cu4\_2. I am now going to read you some things that other people have said about water services. Please tell me whether you agree or diagree with each statement: A private company operating the plant would be less accountable to me as a taxpayer than the city would be
- 6 cu4\_3. I am now going to read you some things that other people have said about water services. Please tell me whether you agree or diagree with each statement: I think that water is a basic public service and should always remain in public hands
- 7 cu4\_top. Top2Box Summary Table:
- 8 cu4\_low. Low2Box Summary Table:

comes to providing safe drinking water to your community, A private company or your community's local government? Would that be a little or a lot more?

be a little or a lot more?	
	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
A private company - a lot more	98
	10%
A private company - a little more	111
	11%
Neither	60
	6%
Your community's local government - a	270
little more	27%
Your community's local government - a	439
lot more	44%
(DK/NS)	22
	2%
Summary	
Top2Box (A private company - total)	209
	21%
Low2Box (Your community's local	709
government - total)	71%

comes to providing affordable drinking water to your community, A private company or your community's local government? Would that be a little or a lot more?

that be a little or a lot more?	
	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
A private company - a lot more	104
	10%
A private company - a little more	106
	11%
Neither	32
	3%
Your community's local government - a	270
little more	27%
Your community's local government - a	463
lot more	46%
(DK/NS)	24
	2%
Summary	
Top2Box (A private company - total)	211
	21%
Low2Box (Your community's local	733
government - total)	73%

cu3. On the whole, would you say that you support or oppose the privatization of water services, including providing drinking water?

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	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
Strongly support	59
	6%
Somewhat support	140
	14%
Neither Support nor Oppose	30
	3%
Somewhat oppose	152
	15%
Strongly oppose	598
	60%
(DK/NS)	22
	2%
Summary	
Top2Box (Strongly/Somewhat support)	199
	20%
Low2Box (Somewhat/Strongly oppose)	750
	75%

things that other people have said about water services. Please tell me whether you agree or diagree with each statement: I believe that the private sector would do a

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	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
I believe that the private sector would do	
a better job than government at	
managing water services	
Strongly agree	124
	12%
Somewhat agree	208
	21%
Somewhat disagree	244
	24%
Strongly disagree	394
	39%
(DK/NS)	30
	3%
Summary	
Top2Box (Strongly/Somewhat agree)	332
	33%
Low2Box (Strongly/Somewhat	638
disagree)	64%

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	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
A private company operating the plant	
would be less accountable to me as a	
taxpayer than the city would be	
Strongly agree	528
	53%
Somewhat agree	241
	24%
Somewhat disagree	109
	11%
Strongly disagree	93
	9%
(DK/NS)	28
	3%
Summary	
Top2Box (Strongly/Somewhat agree)	769
	77%
Low2Box (Strongly/Somewhat	203
disagree)	20%

things that other people have said about water services. Please tell me whether you agree or diagree with each statement: I think that water is a basic public service and

that water is a basic public service and	
	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
I think that water is a basic public service	
and should always remain in public	
hands	
Strongly agree	717
	72%
Somewhat agree	167
	17%
Somewhat disagree	78
	8%
Strongly disagree	32
	3%
(DK/NS)	5
	1%
Summary	
Top2Box (Strongly/Somewhat agree)	884
	88%
Low2Box (Strongly/Somewhat	111
disagree)	11%

# cu4\_top. Top2Box Summary Table:

	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
Agree	
I think that water is a basic public	
service and should always remain in	884
public hands	88%
A private company operating the plant	
would be less accountable to me as a	769
taxpayer than the city would be	77%
I believe that the private sector would	
do a better job than government at	332
managing water services	33%

# cu4\_low. Low2Box Summary Table:

	Total
Base: All respondents	1000
Weighted	1000
Disagree	
I believe that the private sector would	
do a better job than government at	638
managing water services	64%
A private company operating the plant	
would be less accountable to me as a	203
taxpayer than the city would be	20%
I think that water is a basic public	
service and should always remain in	111
public hands	11%