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Support climbing for Ontario's Green Party: poll

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Toronto - A new SES research poll obtained by Sun Media says more Ontario residents are thinking green these days.

The survey suggests that one in ten poll respondents would vote for the Green Party of Ontario in the next provincial election.

The survey was conducted among 501 Ontario residents between Jan. 18 and Jan. 23.

The SES province-wide survey of decided voters shows Dalton McGuinty's Liberals with 41 per cent of the popular support, John Tory's Conservatives at 33 per cent and the NDP's Howard Hampton at 17 per cent.

The Green Party support of 10 per cent shows an upward trend, a trend that has been tracked since last fall. Traditionally, the Green Party garners voter support of three to five per cent.

The Green Party's federal leader, Elizabeth May, had a strong second place finish last year in the London-North by-election, which also indicates a high interest in the party.