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Confidence abounds in the camp of Calgary-area Conservatives after opinion polls put them neck-and-neck with the Liberals.

Calgary Northeast Tory MP Art Hanger calls it a positive response from Canadians with the federal election fast approaching.

"Not to count one's chickens before they're hatched, but I think people are starting to pay attention to what's being offered," he said.

One poll released Friday featured the two parties running close in voters' support.

In particular, the SES Research-CPAC survey reported the Liberals at 35% and Conservatives at 34% across Canada.

Another Decima poll released Saturday put Liberal support at 32% of those who are likely to vote, compared to 30% who said they intend to back the Conservatives.

"I think there certainly is a movement forward for the Tories, and we haven't gotten into the heat of the campaign yet," Hanger said

Of the 1,200 Canadians polled, 16% were still undecided.

"As far as I'm concerned, if people are really paying close attention, they'll find out really quickly the one person leading the agenda with policies and solutions is Harper," said Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson.



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The Tories' own platform should be attractive for voters, especially the promise of the Accountability Act, he said.

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