B.C. Election 2026 - Day 10 Brief

Campaign Day 10: Thursday, October 1 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 10 IN 30 SECONDS

- A new Ipsos/Global BC poll put the BC Conservatives at 42% and the BC NDP at 40% among decided voters - a statistical tie - with 27% undecided or expressing no preference.[7]
- Eby proposed a temporary 10-cent-per-litre provincial fuel-tax cut plus a permanent BCUC "price guard"; Doerkson welcomed Ottawa's Pacific Link pipeline designation and tied it to the Conservatives' energy plan.[3][4][5]
- The Greens added former chief coroner Lisa Lapointe in Saanich South and released a toxic-drug policy. No Day 10 leadership change or MLA switch was verified; nomination filings continued to accelerate.[4][8][1]

What changed on Day 10

AREA	CONFIRMED / DEVELOPING UPDATE
Polling	Ipsos, released October 1 after September 25-29 fieldwork, found Conservatives 42%, NDP 40%, Greens 10%, OneBC 3%, CentreBC 3% and others 2% among decided voters; 27% were undecided/no preference. Ipsos calls the two-point lead a statistical tie. [7]
BC NDP	Eby proposed temporarily cutting the provincial motor-fuel tax by 10 cents per litre on gasoline and diesel and creating a permanent BCUC price guard. The party says the package could save up to 30 cents per litre; Canadian Press reports an estimated $250-million treasury cost, with details still forthcoming. [3][4]
BC Conservatives	Doerkson welcomed the federal Pacific Link designation and said a Conservative government would seek an Alberta-Ottawa-B.C. working group. The party also named Iain Black and Christine Day campaign co-chairs - clarifying morning reports that had described them as candidates. No candidacies were announced for either. [5][6]
BC Greens	Emily Lowan announced former B.C. chief coroner Lisa Lapointe as the Green candidate in Saanich South alongside the party's toxic-drug policy, emphasizing voluntary treatment, regulated alternatives and access to health and housing supports. Lapointe was not yet on Elections BC's 8:00 p.m. accepted list. [4][8][1]
OneBC	Late October 1 reporting said Dallas Brodie is prepared to withdraw OneBC's yet-to-be-named Kelowna Centre candidate in exchange for talks with the Conservatives. Doerkson said conversations had occurred but "nothing formal". No electoral agreement is confirmed. [9]
CentreBC / leadership	No Day 10 CentreBC leadership change, caucus switch or new policy release was verified. CentreBC continued to list Elenore Sturko as leader and a public candidate team broader than the subset already accepted by Elections BC. [10][1]
Election administration	Elections BC's 8:00:07 p.m. October 1 accepted-nomination report had expanded to 17 pages. It still did not include several publicly announced candidates, including Lisa Lapointe and Tina Lee. Nominations close October 3 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific. [1][2]

Campaign framing at close of Day 10

BC NDP - Affordability took the lead through a gas-price intervention combining a temporary tax cut with permanent price regulation; implementation and costing detail remains incomplete.[3][4]

BC Conservatives - Energy and growth remained central through support for Pacific Link, while Black and Day were added as campaign co-chairs rather than candidates.[5][6]

BC Greens - The party put the toxic-drug crisis at centre stage and paired the policy launch with a high-profile health-system candidate in Lisa Lapointe.[4][8]

CentreBC - No verified Day 10 leadership, caucus or platform shift; the main operational story remained converting its public slate into accepted nominations before the deadline.[10][1]

OneBC - Late-stage seat coordination remained fluid: Brodie publicly signalled willingness to trade a Kelowna Centre withdrawal for talks, but no deal with the Conservatives was confirmed.[9]

Election clock

OCT 2	Vote-by-mail requests made on or after this date receive a ballot listing the candidates for the voter's district. [11]
OCT 3	Provincial candidate nominations close at 1:00 p.m. Pacific. [2]
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, generally 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time. [11]
OCT 17	General local election voting day across B.C.; voting is administered by local jurisdictions. [12]
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific. [11]

Polling: new Ipsos result narrows the race

Ipsos/Global BC, released October 1, reports Conservatives 42%, NDP 40%, Greens 10%, OneBC 3%, CentreBC 3% and others 2% among decided voters; 27% were undecided or had no preference. Ipsos describes the two-point Conservative edge as a statistical tie. [7]

Method caution. Fieldwork ran September 25-29 among 1,001 B.C. adults using the Ipsos online panel, weighted to census characteristics. Ipsos reports a credibility interval of +/-3.7 percentage points, 19 times out of 20; online-panel results should be read as a snapshot, not a forecast.[7]

Provincial-local election overlap

No new dual-candidacy surfaced on Day 10. The existing David Xie crossover remains active: Burnaby formally lists Xie as an October 17 council candidate, while the BC Conservatives announced him for Burnaby South-Metrotown on September 30; he still did not appear on Elections BC's 8:00 p.m. October 1 accepted provincial list. Local General Voting Day on October 17 falls inside provincial advance voting, October 16-21.[1][12][13]

What to watch on Day 11

- A final surge of nomination filings before the October 3, 1:00 p.m. deadline, including whether Lapointe, Tina Lee, David Xie and other announced candidates reach the accepted list.[1][2]
- Implementation and costing detail for the NDP gas-price package, and any further provincial positioning on Pacific Link.[3][4][5]
- Whether OneBC-Conservative discussions produce a formal seat arrangement, withdrawal or public rejection before nominations close.[9]
- Any new poll with fieldwork extending beyond September 29.[7]

Scope note: Factual public-source monitoring brief. It does not endorse, oppose, rank, score, predict or recommend any party, leader, candidate or electoral choice. Party-announced or reported candidates are distinguished from Elections BC-accepted nominations. Cut-off: approximately 8:33 p.m. Pacific on October 1, 2026.

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