B.C. Election 2026 - Day 11 Brief

Campaign Day 11: Friday, October 2 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 11 IN 30 SECONDS

- The Okanagan drove the policy day: the BC NDP proposed a grocery-margin "price guard" and up to $20 million in wildfire-recovery donation matching; the BC Conservatives proposed a $500 million Crown-owned water-bomber fleet plus wildfire technology funding. [3][4][5][6]
- Elections BC's 8:00:06 p.m. report showed filing progress: Tina Lee and Warren Hamm were accepted in Penticton-Summerland, Lisa Lapointe in Saanich South and Mike Wisla in Kamloops Centre. Kory Clark and David Xie still did not appear. [1]
- No Day 11 leadership change, MLA switch or new province-wide public poll was verified. OneBC-Conservative co-operation remained talk rather than a formal agreement. [7][8]

What changed on Day 11

AREA	CONFIRMED / DEVELOPING UPDATE
BC NDP	Eby proposed a "price guard" setting ceilings on corporate retail margins for milk, eggs, cheese, butter and poultry, plus mandatory unit pricing, limits on anti-competitive property controls, a ban on AI-driven surveillance pricing and work with Ottawa on an independent Lower Mainland food terminal. The party says the package could save up to $700 a year depending on region; that figure is a party estimate. [3]
BC NDP - wildfire	The NDP separately proposed matching Canadian Red Cross donations up to $20 million for people affected by 2026 wildfires, with emphasis on uninsured and underinsured households, and support for rebuilding public infrastructure. This is a campaign commitment, not an existing appropriation. [4]
BC Conservatives	Doerkson proposed spending $500 million on a Crown-owned fleet of firefighting water bombers and new technology, including AI. The broader wildfire plan also calls for fuel reduction, faster prescribed-burn approvals, quicker deployment of qualified crews and an early-detection/prevention technology fund. [5][6]
Candidate filings	Elections BC's accepted-nomination report, generated at 8:00:06 p.m., had grown to 25 pages. Penticton-Summerland showed Bradley Sean Bartsch (Green), Warren Hamm (OneBC), Tina Lee (NDP) and Tracy St Claire (Conservative). Lisa Lapointe (Green) was accepted in Saanich South and Mike Wisla (NDP) in Kamloops Centre. Kory Clark and David Xie were still absent from the accepted list. [1]
OneBC / co-operation	Brodie said OneBC was prepared to withdraw its still-unnamed Kelowna Centre candidate in exchange for talks with the Conservatives. Doerkson confirmed conversations but said there was "nothing formal." The status at Day 11 close is therefore developing, not a confirmed electoral pact. [8]
Greens / CentreBC / leadership	No new Day 11 Green or CentreBC platform release, party-leadership change or MLA switch was verified. The Green operational update was Lapointe moving onto Elections BC's accepted list; CentreBC continued candidate filing without a verified structural change. [1]
Election administration	From October 2, vote-by-mail packages requested through Elections BC receive a ballot listing candidates for the voter's district rather than the earlier write-in ballot. Candidate nominations close October 3 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific; the final candidate list follows after the deadline. [2][9]

Campaign framing at close of Day 11

BC NDP - Affordability shifted from fuel to food: grocery retail-margin regulation led the day, paired with wildfire-recovery support in communities hit by the summer fires. [3][4]

BC Conservatives - Wildfire readiness led the message through a proposed provincial aircraft fleet, prevention measures and technology investment; the $500 million aircraft/technology figure is a campaign commitment. [5][6]

BC Greens - No new Day 11 policy package was verified; the main new operational development was Lisa Lapointe becoming an Elections BC-accepted candidate in Saanich South. [1]

CentreBC - No verified Day 11 leadership, caucus or platform shift; the immediate campaign task remained converting public announcements into accepted nominations before the deadline. [1]

OneBC - Warren Hamm was formally accepted in Penticton-Summerland while proposed seat co-operation with the Conservatives remained unresolved and explicitly non-formal. [1][8]

Election clock

OCT 3 - 1 PM	Provincial candidate nominations close; Elections BC will publish the final candidate list after the deadline. [2]
OCT 3	Vancouver local-election advance voting begins - a visible overlap with the provincial campaign calendar. [11]
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, generally 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time. [2]
OCT 17	General local election voting day across B.C.; voting is administered by local jurisdictions. [10]
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific. [2]

Polling: no new Day 11 release

No new province-wide public poll was identified by the Day 11 cutoff. The latest remains Ipsos/Global BC, released October 1 after September 25-29 fieldwork: Conservatives 42%, BC NDP 40%, Greens 10%, OneBC 3%, CentreBC 3%, others 2% among decided voters; 27% were undecided or expressed no preference. Ipsos describes the two-point gap as a statistical tie. [7]

Method caution. Ipsos surveyed 1,001 B.C. adults online and weighted results by region, age, gender and education. It reports a +/-3.7-point credibility interval, 19 times out of 20. Online-panel findings are a snapshot of that fieldwork period, not an election forecast, and uncertainty is wider for subgroups. [7]

Provincial-local election overlap

No new dual-candidacy was verified on Day 11, but the calendar collision sharpens on October 3: provincial nominations close at 1:00 p.m. the same day Vancouver begins local advance voting. Local General Voting Day on October 17 falls inside provincial advance voting, October 16-21. Elections BC administers provincial voting and local campaign-finance/advertising rules, while local jurisdictions administer local voting. [2][10][11]

What to watch on Day 12

- The October 3, 1:00 p.m. nomination deadline and final accepted slates, especially late-announced candidates such as Kory Clark and David Xie. [1][2]
- Whether OneBC-Conservative discussions produce a formal seat arrangement, withdrawal or public rejection before nominations close. [8]
- Costing and implementation detail for the NDP grocery-margin regime and the Conservative $500 million wildfire aviation/technology plan. [3][5][6]
- Any province-wide poll with fieldwork extending beyond September 29. [7]

Scope note: Factual public-source campaign 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 2, 2026.

Sources

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