B.C. Election 2026 - Day 12 Brief

Campaign Day 12: Saturday, October 3 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 12 IN 30 SECONDS

- Nominations closed at 1:00 p.m. Elections BC's 8:00 p.m. accepted-nomination report resolved several morning questions: Dallas Brodie, Elenore Sturko, Kory Clark, David Xie and Lisa Lapointe appear; Brent Chapman and Tara Armstrong do not. Elections BC was still reviewing submissions, so the list was not yet final. [1][2]
- The BC Greens added a seniors affordability plank: greater monthly rental assistance for low-income seniors and vacancy control in assisted-living facilities. The NDP and Conservatives mostly traded affordability and record attacks rather than launching comparable new Day 12 policy packages. [3][4][5][8]
- Municipal advance voting began in Vancouver and Burnaby on the same day provincial nominations closed, turning the provincial-local calendar collision into an active voting overlap. [6][7]

What changed on Day 12

AREA	CONFIRMED / DEVELOPING UPDATE
Election administration	Candidate nominations closed at 1:00 p.m. on October 3. Elections BC said it was still reviewing submissions for completeness and Election Act requirements. Its most-current accepted list was generated at 8:00:07 p.m.; the final list was still pending at the cutoff. [1][2]
OneBC / candidate filings	Brodie is now accepted in Vancouver-Quilchena. The 8 p.m. list contains only Kristina Loewen (Conservative) and Loyal Wooldridge (NDP) in Kelowna Centre, where Brodie had offered to withhold a OneBC candidate in exchange for talks. Brent Chapman and Tara Armstrong do not appear in the 8 p.m. accepted list. With review still underway, those absences were not yet a final Elections BC rejection. [2][12]
BC Greens	The Greens released a seniors plank promising greater monthly rental assistance for low-income seniors and vacancy control in assisted-living facilities to limit rent increases. Former chief coroner Lisa Lapointe is now in Elections BC's accepted list for Saanich South. [2][3]
BC NDP	Kory Clark is now accepted in Kamloops-North Thompson. Eby clarified that the grocery price-guard announcement made outside Save-On-Foods was aimed at major grocers generally, not specifically Jim Pattison; the party's main new Day 12 communication was an attack on Conservative candidate vetting rather than a fresh policy package. [2][3][4]
BC Conservatives	David Xie is now accepted in Burnaby South-Metrotown. Peter Milobar attacked the NDP over its cancelled 2024 grocery-rebate promise, while the party separately rebutted an NDP attack ad and reiterated support for interim leader Lorne Doerkson. No new major Conservative policy package was identified on Day 12. [2][5][8]
CentreBC / leadership	Leader Elenore Sturko is accepted in Surrey South. No Day 12 CentreBC leadership change, MLA switch or new platform release was verified. [2]
Provincial-local overlap	Advance voting opened October 3 in Vancouver (59 locations) and Burnaby (six locations), while Elections BC was still finalizing the provincial candidate list. Local General Voting Day remains October 17, inside the October 16-21 provincial advance-voting period. [6][7][10][11]

Campaign framing at close of Day 12

BC NDP - Affordability remained central, but Day 12 was mainly clarification of the grocery plan and attacks on Conservative candidate vetting rather than a new policy launch. [3][4]

BC Conservatives - The message was retrospective and defensive: Milobar attacked the NDP record on the cancelled grocery rebate, while the party answered an NDP attack ad and reaffirmed Doerkson. [5][8]

BC Greens - Seniors policy supplied the clearest new platform content of the day, centred on rental assistance and assisted-living vacancy control. [3]

CentreBC - The campaign remained focused on completing and validating its slate; Sturko is now Elections BC-accepted in Surrey South, with no verified structural change. [2]

OneBC - Brodie is formally accepted in Vancouver-Quilchena. No OneBC candidate appears in Kelowna Centre on the 8 p.m. list, but no formal Conservative-OneBC pact was announced. [2][12]

Election clock

OCT 12	Thanksgiving Day; district electoral offices are closed. [10]
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, generally 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time. [10]
OCT 17	General local election voting day across B.C.; voting is administered by local jurisdictions. [11]
OCT 18	Last day to request a provincial vote-by-mail package online or by phone. [10]
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific. [10]

Polling: no new Day 12 release

No new province-wide public poll was identified by the Day 12 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. Ipsos described the two-point Conservative lead as a statistical tie; 27% were undecided or expressed no preference. [9]

Method caution. Ipsos surveyed 1,001 B.C. adults online and weighted by region, age, gender and education. It reports a +/-3.7-point credibility interval, 19 times out of 20; subgroup intervals are wider. This is a snapshot of that fieldwork period, not a forecast. [9]

Provincial-local election overlap

The overlap became operational on October 3: Vancouver and Burnaby voters began casting local-election ballots while provincial nominations had just closed and Elections BC was still reviewing filings. 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; local jurisdictions administer local voting and candidate functions. [6][7][10][11]

What to watch on Day 13

- The final Elections BC candidate list, especially the status of Brent Chapman and Tara Armstrong. [1][2]
- Whether no OneBC candidate in Kelowna Centre becomes a formal Conservative-OneBC arrangement or remains informal. [2][12]
- Costing/detail for the Green seniors measures and any post-nomination policy pivot by the major parties. [3]
- Any province-wide poll with fieldwork extending beyond September 29. [9]

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. Reported candidates are distinguished from Elections BC-accepted nominations. Cut-off: approximately 8:25 p.m. Pacific, October 3, 2026.

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