B.C. Election 2026 - Day 15 Brief

Campaign Day 15 | Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 15 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New poll:** Mainstreet Research put the BC Conservatives at 44.7%, NDP 37.2%, Greens 11.2%, OneBC 5.7% and CentreBC 1.1% among decided/leaning voters. It was published Oct. 6 but fielded Sept. 30-Oct. 1. [2][3]
- **Debate set:** David Eby, Lorne Doerkson and Emily Lowan will take part in the Oct. 14 broadcast leaders debate; Elenore Sturko and Dallas Brodie are not in the announced lineup. The consortium had not publicly detailed its qualification criteria by the reporting cutoff. [4][8]
- **Policy day:** the NDP added MRI/CT capacity and pooled surgical waitlists; Conservatives released a policing, courts and addiction/public-order plan; Greens proposed a community health centre in every riding plus nurse-staffing and referral reforms. [5][6][7]
- **OneBC:** Brent Chapman will not run in Surrey South. OneBC says the decision was mutual and attributes it to strain and alleged threats/abuse; those allegations were not independently established in the reporting reviewed. No Day 15 leadership change or MLA switch was confirmed. [8]

What changed on Day 15

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS / WHY IT MATTERS
Polling	Mainstreet released a province-wide poll: Con 44.7%, NDP 37.2%, Green 11.2%, OneBC 5.7%, CentreBC 1.1% among decided/leaning voters. [2]	Published Oct. 6; fieldwork Sept. 30-Oct. 1, n=827, IVR phone survey, reported margin of error +/-3.4 points. It predates the Oct. 3 nomination deadline. [3]
Leaders debate	The only announced live televised leaders debate is Oct. 14, 6:15-8:00 p.m., featuring Eby, Doerkson and Lowan. [4]	CentreBC leader Elenore Sturko and OneBC leader Dallas Brodie are not in the announced lineup. Consortium criteria were agreed internally but not detailed in the CP report by cutoff. [8]
BC NDP	Eby pledged eight new MRI machines, 10 CT scanners and coordinated regional surgical waitlists that let patients choose the shortest available wait. [6]	Confirmed party commitment. Campaign claims about comparative Conservative impacts remain partisan claims rather than independently established effects. [6] [7]
BC Conservatives	Doerkson released Safe Streets for BC: 250 additional police through JIBC expansion, 500 RCMP plus 150 civilian staff over five years, 50 Crown prosecutors, and a request to Ottawa for 20 more trial judges. [5]	The plan also proposes ending prescribed safer supply, expanding treatment, changing Mental Health Act use and prohibiting illegal drug use in specified publicly funded settings. [5]
BC Greens	Lowan announced a health package centred on an integrated Community Health Centre in every riding, public-nurse staffing support and single-entry surgical/referral models. [7]	Confirmed campaign proposal reported Oct. 6. Several elements revisit or extend earlier Green health themes, so they are not treated as wholly novel concepts. [7]
OneBC / CentreBC	OneBC confirmed Chapman will not contest Surrey South; CentreBC had no material new province-wide policy or caucus change identified by cutoff. [8]	OneBC's explanation includes allegations of threats and abuse that were not independently verified. Brodie and Sturko are both outside the announced Oct. 14 debate lineup. [8]

Campaign framing at close of Day 15

BC Conservatives - Day 15 shifted the party toward public safety, policing, courts and addiction policy. The new Mainstreet release also gives the party a larger vote-intent lead than several earlier campaign polls, but the fieldwork is older than the release date. [2][3] [5]

BC NDP - The campaign emphasized diagnostic capacity and surgical waits, continuing a health-care focus after earlier affordability and tax announcements. [6][7]

BC Greens - Lowan used health-system reform to distinguish the party on public delivery, staffing and community-based primary care. [7]

CentreBC - No material Day 15 leadership, caucus or province-wide policy change was identified. Sturko's exclusion from the announced broadcast debate is the day's main positioning development for the party. [8]

OneBC - The Chapman non-candidacy is now explained by the party, while Brodie is also outside the announced broadcast-debate lineup. The party's allegations about threats remain attributed claims, not independently established facts. [8]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	CAMPAIGN SIGNIFICANCE
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day	Elections BC district electoral offices are closed. [1]
Oct. 14	Broadcast leaders debate	6:15-8:00 p.m.; Eby, Doerkson and Lowan in announced lineup. [4]
Oct. 16-21	Provincial advance voting	8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time; no reason is required to vote early. [1]
Oct. 17	General Local Election voting day	Falls on the second day of provincial advance voting; local voting is administered separately. [9]
Oct. 18	Vote-by-mail request deadline	Last day to request a provincial vote-by-mail package online or by phone. [1]
Oct. 24	Provincial Final Voting Day	Voting places 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific; completed mail packages must be received by 8 p.m. [1]

Polling: a new Mainstreet release, with older fieldwork

Mainstreet Research (released Oct. 6): BC Conservatives 44.7% | BC NDP 37.2% | BC Greens 11.2% | OneBC 5.7% | CentreBC 1.1% among decided and leaning voters. [2]

Fieldwork: Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2026; n=827 B.C. adults; IVR telephone survey; reported margin of error +/-3.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. [3]

Interpretation: the release is new, but the interviews predate the Oct. 3 nomination deadline and are older than Angus Reid's Oct. 1-3 fieldwork. Mainstreet and Angus Reid also use different survey modes and party-response treatments, so their headline numbers should not be read as directly interchangeable or as seat forecasts. [2][3][10]

For context, the most recent Angus Reid snapshot before today had Conservatives 48%, NDP 43%, Greens 7% and other parties 2% among decided/leaning voters. The five-point spread and Mainstreet's 7.5-point spread both indicate a Conservative vote-intent advantage in those surveys, not a precise probability of winning seats. [2][10]

Provincial-local election overlap

Timing overlap: Local General Voting Day is Oct. 17, while provincial advance voting runs Oct. 16-21. Voters in many communities will therefore be voting in two separate election processes on adjacent or overlapping days. [1][9]

Administration: local governments administer local voting; Elections BC administers provincial voting and local campaign-finance/advertising rules. The voter lists and voting processes are not the same. [9]

Day 15 update: no new confirmed dual-candidacy or provincial/local ballot-status change was identified by cutoff. Provincial public-safety and local-governance themes continue to touch municipal responsibilities, but no administrative merger or coordinated ballot process is implied.

What to watch on Day 16 - Wednesday, October 7

- Whether the broadcast consortium releases its debate-qualification criteria or CentreBC/OneBC mount a formal challenge to their exclusion.
- Costing and implementation detail for the NDP diagnostic/surgical plan, Conservative Safe Streets package and Green health-system proposals.
- Any new polling with post-nomination fieldwork, especially evidence on whether the Conservative-NDP gap is stable across different survey modes.
- Any material CentreBC or OneBC province-wide policy announcement after a comparatively quiet Day 15 for both parties.

Scope note. Public sources were reviewed through 8:36 p.m. PT on Oct. 6, 2026. Party releases are used as primary evidence of what a party announced; forecasts, causal claims and claims about rivals are attributed unless independently verified. The OneBC account of alleged threats/abuse is reported as the party's claim. No confirmed Day 15 leadership change or MLA switch was identified. Routine recirculation of older platform material was excluded unless tied to a substantive new announcement.

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[4] Global News - B.C. election provincial leaders debate scheduled (Oct. 6, 2026)

[5] Conservative Party of BC - Safe Streets for BC (Oct. 6, 2026)

[6] BC NDP - Getting care sooner: cut wait times, add diagnostic equipment (Oct. 6, 2026)

[7] Global News - Conservatives on street disorder; NDP/Greens on health care (Oct. 6, 2026)

[8] The Canadian Press via National Newswatch - NDP, Conservative, Green leaders to debate on Oct. 14, 10 days before B.C. election (Oct. 6, 2026).

[9] Elections BC - 2026 General Local Elections

[10] Angus Reid Institute - BC Election: As voters begin to lock in, Conservatives hold five-point lead over gaining NDP (Oct. 5, 2026; fieldwork Oct. 1-3).