



B.C. Election 2026 - Day 16 Brief

Campaign Day 16: Wednesday, October 7 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 16 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Day 16 was a policy day, not a personnel day:** no verified leadership change, MLA switch, nomination or withdrawal was identified by cutoff. Elections BC's final 355-candidate list remains the ballot baseline. [1]
- **NDP and Conservatives both used Surrey for competing business packages.** The NDP proposed a \$500-million relief fund, interest-free loans, a youth-hiring credit and export support; Conservatives proposed a three-year PST exemption on business investment plus tax, permitting and regulatory changes. [13][3][4]
- **Greens launched a broader economic vision in Vancouver** with regional-economy, clean-power, local-production, commercial-rent and small-business approval measures. The wealth-tax plank was announced earlier and is not new to Day 16. [4] [5]
- **Provincial-local overlap became literal:** municipal advance voting was underway October 7 in Surrey, Vancouver and many other communities while provincial leaders campaigned in Surrey. Provincial advance voting starts October 16. [2][3][4][11][12]

What changed on Day 16

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS / WHY IT MATTERS
■ Personnel / slates	No verified Day 16 leadership change, MLA switch, nomination or withdrawal was identified. Elections BC's final list remains 355 candidates: Conservatives 93, NDP 92, Greens 73, CentreBC 35 and OneBC 33, plus smaller-party and independent/unaffiliated candidates. [1]	No Day 16 change
■ BC NDP	David Eby announced a \$500-million Small Business Tariff & Wildfire Relief Fund with interest-free loans up to \$1 million for up to 72 months, a \$5,000 refundable youth-hiring tax credit, and \$6 million annually for export diversification support. [13][4]	New Oct. 7
■ BC Conservatives	Lorne Doerksen proposed removing PST for three years on machinery, equipment and business software; a tax-simplification panel reporting within 180 days; a red-tape ministry and "one-in, two-out" law; and 120-day permitting for major projects over \$250 million. [3][4]	New Oct. 7
■ BC Greens	Emily Lowan launched an economic vision built around stronger regional economies, clean power, more value-added production in B.C., commercial-rent protections and simpler business approvals. The previously announced wealth-tax proposal remains part of the package but is not a Day 16 development. [4] [5]	New package
■ Other promises	NDP candidates promised to permanently double annual public-library funding from \$14 million to \$28 million. Conservatives committed \$15 million provincially toward a Filipino Cultural Centre in Vancouver; the party says this would unlock federal matching funds, a point not independently confirmed in sources reviewed. [6][7]	New Oct. 7; caveat
■ Local overlap	Surrey opened four-day advance voting on October 7 at 10 sites; Vancouver also held its second advance-voting day at 59 sites. These are separate local elections, not Elections BC voting opportunities. [11][12]	Voting underway

Campaign framing at close of Day 16

- **BC NDP** - targeted business relief against tariff/wildfire pressure, youth hiring and export diversification; a separate library-funding promise broadened the day's affordability/public-services message. [13][6]
- **BC Conservatives** - investment tax relief, regulatory rollback and accelerated major-project approvals; a separate cultural-centre commitment added a community-infrastructure pledge. [3][7]
- **BC Greens** - a wider economic alternative emphasizing regional production, commercial tenants, clean power and simplified approvals, while carrying forward the party's earlier wealth-tax proposal. [4] [5]
- **CentreBC** - no material Day 16 leadership, caucus or province-wide policy change was identified in the reviewed public sources; its 35-candidate final slate remains unchanged. [1]
- **OneBC** - no material Day 16 leadership, caucus or province-wide policy change was identified in the reviewed public sources; its 33-candidate final slate remains unchanged. [1]



Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	CAMPAIGN SIGNIFICANCE
OCT 12	Thanksgiving - Elections BC district offices closed. [2]	Last scheduled office closure before voting intensifies.
OCT 14	Broadcast leaders' debate, 6:15-8:00 p.m. Pacific. [10]	Eby, Doerkson and Lowan are the announced participants.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. local time. [2]	Begins one day before local General Voting Day.
OCT 17	General local elections across B.C. [11][12]	Local voting overlaps the second day of provincial advance voting.
OCT 18	Last day to request a provincial vote-by-mail package online or by phone. [2]	Completed package must reach Elections BC by 8:00 p.m. Oct. 24.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Pacific. [2]	Voters elect 93 MLAs.

Polling: no new province-wide release on Day 16

The newest public releases identified remain **Mainstreet Research (released Oct. 6; fieldwork Sept. 30-Oct. 1)** and **Angus Reid Institute (released Oct. 5; fieldwork Oct. 1-3)**. Mainstreet reported Conservatives 44.7%, NDP 37.2%, Greens 11.2%, OneBC 5.7% and CentreBC 1.1% among decided/leaning voters (n=827, IVR; stated margin of error +/-3.4 points for the full sample). Angus Reid reported Conservatives 48%, NDP 43%, Greens 7% and others 2% among decided/leaning voters (n=1,013 overall online panel). [8][9]

Method caveat: the surveys differ in field dates, mode, sample construction and treatment of smaller parties. The topline snapshots, not seat forecasts, and should not be read as directly interchangeable. [8][9]

Provincial-local election overlap

October 7 made the overlap operational. Surrey municipal voters could cast advance ballots at 10 locations from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. while both Eby and Doerkson were in Surrey announcing provincial business policy. Vancouver also opened 59 advance sites on October 7; other municipalities held required or additional advance-voting opportunities the same day. [2][3][4][11][12]

Provincial advance voting starts October 16, one day before local General Voting Day on October 17. Elections BC does not administer local voting, and local voter-registration rules remain separate. [2] [11][12]

What to watch on Day 17

- Whether any party releases costings or implementation detail for Day 16's business packages, particularly eligibility for the NDP relief fund and fiscal impacts of the Conservative PST exemption.
- Whether CentreBC or OneBC responds with a substantive economic announcement after a Day 16 dominated by the NDP, Conservatives and Greens.
- The next poll with fieldwork completed after the October 3 nomination deadline and after this week's tax, health-care and business-policy announcements.
- Any debate-access developments before the October 14 broadcast, and any campaign scheduling shift as local advance voting expands.

Scope note: This is a factual public-source monitoring brief through 8:18 p.m. Pacific on October 7, 2026. It prioritizes genuinely new campaign developments and does not endorse, oppose, rank, score or recommend any party, leader, candidate or electoral choice. Party releases are identified as campaign commitments; claims not independently verified are labelled accordingly.

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