B.C. Election 2026 - Day 17 Brief

Campaign Day 17: Thursday, October 8 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 17 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Two official ballot changes:** Elections BC added OneBC's Jenny Yamagata in Burnaby North after a nomination review and accepted Timothy Webster's Vancouver-Yaletown withdrawal; Webster's name stays on printed ballots. [1]
- **Conservative candidate removed from party backing:** Lorne Doerkson dropped Joachim Agou in Victoria-Beacon Hill after social media posts emerged; this does **not** establish a formal statutory withdrawal. [2][3]
- **Three new platform commitments:** Conservatives proposed a higher income-tax exemption; the NDP pledged a further three-year ICBC rate freeze; Greens announced new education supports. [4]-[7]
- **CentreBC sought insurance-plan disclosure;** Angus Reid released leader-perception analysis using previously collected survey data. No verified Day 17 MLA switch or leadership change. [5][8]

What changed on Day 17

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS / WHY IT MATTERS
Election administration	**Oct. 8:** Elections BC accepted Timothy Webster's Vancouver-Yaletown withdrawal, but his name stays on printed ballots; notices will advise voters. Its review reinstated OneBC candidate **Jenny Yamagata** in Burnaby North. [1]	Official; ballot printing already underway.
BC Conservatives	**Oct. 8:** Doerkson withdrew party support from **Joachim Agou** after resurfaced posts. Separately proposed raising B.C.'s basic personal income-tax exemption from **$13,216 to $32,000**. Party estimates roughly $1,000/year savings per worker. [2]-[5]	Party action and new promise confirmed; legal candidate status / costing distinct.
BC NDP	**Oct. 8:** David Eby proposed extending the existing ICBC rate freeze for **three additional years, through spring 2030**, if re-elected. Premium comparisons advanced by the parties remain contested. [5][6]	New election promise; not enacted.
BC Greens	**Oct. 8:** Emily Lowan proposed needs-based inclusive-education funding, **one counsellor per 250 students**, universal school food and supplies, and school-facility improvements. [5][7]	New platform plan; shortfall estimate is party-supplied.
CentreBC	**Oct. 8:** Elenore Sturko called on Conservatives to release their full proposed hybrid auto-insurance model and explain possible premium effects. [5]	Reported statement; no new caucus movement.
OneBC	Yamagata's reinstatement creates a substantive **post-deadline candidate-list change**; the review found her Oct. 3 application should have been accepted. [1]	Official Elections BC decision.
Polling	**Oct. 8:** Angus Reid published open-ended assessments of Eby and Doerkson from its **Oct. 1-3** online survey. This is a **new analysis, not a new vote-intention survey wave**. [8]	New release; old fieldwork.

Campaign framing at close of Day 17

BC NDP - positioned the proposed ICBC rate freeze as household-cost protection; the comparison with a Conservative hybrid model remains a disputed campaign argument. [5][6]

BC Conservatives - emphasized personal-income-tax relief, while the Agou dismissal raised a separate candidate-vetting and ballot-status question. [2]-[5]

BC Greens - put school staffing, inclusive-education resources and universal student supports at the centre of their new policy release. [7]

CentreBC - pressed for disclosure and rate-impact detail on proposed ICBC reform; no verified Day 17 leadership or MLA change. [5]

OneBC - gained a candidate through an Elections BC nomination-review order, not through a new post-deadline application. [1]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	CAMPAIGN SIGNIFICANCE
OCT 12	Thanksgiving; Elections BC district offices closed. [12]	Scheduled holiday service interruption.
OCT 14	Broadcast leaders' debate, 6:15-8:00 p.m. Pacific. [14]	Eby, Doerkson and Lowan announced; no Sturko or Brodie.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time. [12]	Begins one day before local General Voting Day.
OCT 17	General local elections across B.C. [11][13]	Mayors, councils and school trustees among local contests.
OCT 18	Online/phone request deadline for provincial vote-by-mail packages. [12]	Completed ballots due by 8 p.m. Pacific Oct. 24.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [12]	93 MLAs elected; 16 days remaining at close of Day 17.

Polling: new leader analysis, not a new intention wave

Released Oct. 8: Angus Reid's open-ended leader-perception study found 78% could name a criticism of Eby, while 31% said they did not know enough about Doerkson to name a positive attribute. **These are coded opinion responses, not voting intentions**; fieldwork was Oct. 1-3 (n=1,013 B.C. adults, online panel). [8]

Latest vote-intention releases identified: Mainstreet (released Oct. 6; field Sept. 30-Oct. 1; IVR, n=827): Conservatives 44.7%, NDP 37.2%, Greens 11.2%, OneBC 5.7%, CentreBC 1.1%. Angus Reid (released Oct. 5; field Oct. 1-3; online, n=846 decided/leaning): Conservatives 48%, NDP 43%, Greens 7%, others 2%. [9][10]

Method: Different modes, field dates, weighting and minor-party groupings make direct comparisons unreliable. Online-panel credibility intervals are not conventional random-sample margins of error. Neither result is a seat forecast. [8]-[10]

Provincial-local election overlap

Oct. 8: White Rock held local advance voting from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Centennial Arena. Its Oct. 17 ballot includes mayor, council and a **school trustee**; the Greens' same-day K-12 announcement intersects with a municipal campaign in which school governance is also before voters. This is thematic overlap, **not a shared ballot or coordinated election**. [7][11]

Provincial advance voting starts Oct. 16; municipal General Voting Day is Oct. 17. Provincial and local election administration, locations and eligibility rules are separate. [12][13]

What to watch on Day 18

- Whether Agou submits a formal withdrawal and how voters will be notified if his name remains printed; monitor Elections BC updates. [1]-[3]
- Written fiscal modelling for the Conservative exemption proposal and operating-cost detail for the NDP rate freeze and Green education plan. [4]-[7]
- Any post-Oct. 3-nominations province-wide poll, further official candidate corrections, or changes in leaders' debate arrangements. [1][8]-[10][14]

Scope note: Public-source account of material developments newly announced or confirmed on Oct. 8, 2026, through approximately 8:08 p.m. Pacific. Party announcements are proposals, not enacted policy or independently costed projections. Reported claims and allegations are attributed; no party, leader, candidate or vote is endorsed, opposed, ranked or scored. Previous-day developments are omitted without substantive updates.

Sources (numbered; titles link to originals)

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[2] The Tyee. Doerkson removes Joachim Agou from Conservative slate (8 Oct).
[3] The Canadian Press / CFJC. Agou removal; formal nomination status (8 Oct).
[4] BC Conservatives. Basic personal exemption / income-tax announcement (8 Oct).
[5] The Canadian Press / CityNews. Campaign roundup: taxation, ICBC, Greens, CentreBC (8 Oct).
[6] BC NDP. Proposal to extend ICBC rate freeze (8 Oct).
[7] BC Greens. Inclusive education and schools platform release (8 Oct).
[8] Angus Reid Institute. Leader-perception analysis; survey Oct 1-3 (8 Oct).
[9] Mainstreet Research. Provincial vote-intention release (6 Oct).
[10] Angus Reid Institute. Provincial vote-intention release; survey Oct 1-3 (5 Oct).
[11] City of White Rock. 2026 local-election voting dates and school trustee (current).
[12] Elections BC. Provincial voting dates and mail-ballot deadline (current).
[13] Elections BC. Provincial/local elections are separate (22 Sep).
[14] Global News. Broadcast leaders debate planned for Oct 14 (6 Oct).