

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 19 Brief

Campaign Day 19: Saturday, October 10, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 19 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New policy commitments:** The NDP announced environment and ferry-access proposals; Conservatives a youth hiring credit; Greens a royalty overhaul. [1][2][3][4]
- **CentreBC platform:** A costed platform was released, projecting a declining deficit and a balanced budget in 2034/35. These are party projections. [5]
- **Ballot change:** Elections BC announced a Green candidate's withdrawal in Burnaby-New Westminster, accepted Oct. 9; his name remains on printed ballots. [6]
- **Campaign personnel dispute:** Eby demanded dismissal of the Conservative campaign director over an earlier anti-Islam post; she and a Conservative candidate responded. No dismissal confirmed at cutoff. [7]

What changed on Day 19

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
BC NDP	Oct. 10: Eby proposed \$30m annually for watershed protection, new AI data-centre water-use rules and a \$50m starting allocation for a Clean Futures Fund. A separate pilot would reserve 12% of advance ferry bookings for locals on two coastal routes. [1][2]	Party proposals; ferry allocation and spending not yet implemented.
BC Conservatives	Oct. 10: Announced a First Job Tax Credit for businesses hiring young people into their first jobs. The release did not specify the credit's value or detailed eligibility. [3]	New commitment; fiscal cost cannot yet be assessed.
BC Greens	Oct. 10: Proposed oil-and-gas royalties targeting 50% of net profits , a windfall-profits tax and an end to fossil-fuel expansion subsidies. The party estimates roughly \$4.09b in annual royalties. [4]	Party revenue estimate, not independently validated.
CentreBC	Oct. 10: Published a 44-page platform with four-year projected costs of \$13.7b including interest. It projects a ~\$9b deficit in 2030/31 and balance by 2034/35. [5]	Released fiscal plan; projections not audited.
Election administration	Accepted Oct. 9; public notice Oct. 10: Green candidate Greg DePaco withdrew in Burnaby-New Westminster. His name will still be printed; officials will post notices and inform voters. [6]	Confirmed by Elections BC; not an active candidate.
Campaign personnel	Oct. 10: Eby called for removal of Conservative campaign director Katy Merrifield over her June 17 post. Merrifield said it targeted extremism, not Muslims; Conservative candidate Zeeshan Wahla called the language unacceptable but disputed the comparison to a removed candidate. [7]	Demand and responses confirmed; no dismissal verified.
OneBC	Oct. 10: Brodie announced five more endorsements in a party video and said a technical problem meant the candidates would not appear with a OneBC designation. [8]	Party claim; no matching official ballot-affiliation change verified. [9]

Campaign framing at close of Day 19

- BC NDP - Added coastal-access and water/environment commitments to its public-services campaign. [1][2]
- BC Conservatives - Emphasized youth employment while responding to criticism of campaign personnel. [3][7]
- BC Greens - Focused on royalty revenue, industrial emissions and climate policy. [4]
- CentreBC - Shifted from individual pledges to a published multi-year fiscal platform. [5]
- OneBC - Publicized additional endorsements; official ballot affiliations remain the verification standard. [8][9]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	WHY IT MATTERS
OCT 12	Thanksgiving; provincial district electoral offices closed. [11]	Holiday affects in-office voting.
OCT 14	Leaders' broadcast debate, 6:15-8 p.m. Pacific. [14]	Eby, Doerkson and Lowan scheduled; Sturko and Brodie excluded.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time. [11]	Oct. 17 overlaps local voting day.
OCT 17	B.C. general local elections. [12][13]	Separate ballot and local election administrators.
OCT 18	Last day to request a provincial vote-by-mail kit. [11]	Completed ballot due 8 p.m. Oct. 24.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [11]	14 days after Day 19; 93 constituencies.

Polling: no newly verified Oct. 10 province-wide release

Latest public survey: Liaison Strategies, published **Oct. 9** and fielded **Oct. 7-8**, reported Conservatives **43%**, NDP **37%**, Greens **10%**, OneBC **4%**, CentreBC **3%**, others **4%** among decided/leaning respondents (totals differ from 100% because of rounding). [10]

Method: Random-digit-dialled IVR across mobile and landline telephones; 1,000 adults, weighted to census benchmarks. The stated ± 3.1 percentage-point margin pertains to the *full sample*; uncertainty among decided/leaning voters is larger. A vote-intention survey is not a seat forecast or election result. [10]

Provincial-local election overlap

Oct. 10 local voting: Vancouver operated an advance-voting date at 59 locations; Surrey listed 10 locations for local advance voting. Both hold local General Voting Day on **Oct. 17**, while provincial advance voting starts **Oct. 16**. [12][11]

New reporting Oct. 10: Municipal candidates in Prince George and Squamish described voters confusing election dates and campaigns competing for staff. These are reported experiences, not measured province-wide turnout effects. Elections BC administers the provincial vote; local governments conduct voting for municipal contests. [13][11]

What to watch on Day 20

- Whether Doerkson retains or replaces Merrifield, and whether further evidence changes the campaign-personnel story. [7]
- Whether costings or implementation details emerge for the youth tax credit, Green royalties and CentreBC's deficit path. [3][4][5]
- Further Elections BC withdrawal notices and verification of OneBC's off-label endorsements. [6][8][9]

Scope note: Nonpartisan public-source account of events first announced, reported or officially confirmed by **7:42 p.m. Pacific, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026**. Party policy and revenue figures are **proposals and self-reported estimates**, not enacted law or independent costings. No new leader change or MLA switch was verified today. No party, leader, candidate or electoral choice is endorsed, opposed, ranked or scored.

Sources (numbered; clickable titles link to published records)

[1] **BC NDP.** [Oct. 10 environment and watershed commitments.](#)

[2] **BC NDP.** [Oct. 10 locals-first ferry pilot.](#)

[3] **BC Conservatives.** [Oct. 10 first-job tax-credit statement.](#)

[4] **BC Greens.** [Oct. 10 royalties and climate policy release.](#)

[5] **CentreBC.** [2026 platform and published fiscal tables.](#)

[6] **Elections BC.** [Burnaby-New Westminster withdrawal notice, Oct. 10.](#)

[7] **Canadian Press via iNFOnews.** [Oct. 10 campaign-director dispute and responses.](#)

[8] **OneBC / Dallas Brodie.** [Oct. 10 five endorsements announcement \(party video\).](#)

[9] **Elections BC.** [Official list of accepted 2026 candidates.](#)

[10] **Liaison Strategies.** [Oct. 9 IVR poll, fielded Oct. 7-8.](#)

[11] **Elections BC.** [2026 provincial ways to vote and deadlines.](#)

[12] **Cities of Vancouver / Surrey.** [Vancouver and Surrey Oct. 10 local voting dates.](#)

[13] **Canadian Press via Global.** [Oct. 10 report on dual-election confusion.](#)

[14] **Canadian Press.** [Oct. 6 broadcast debate announcement.](#)