

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 20 Brief

Campaign Day 20: Sunday, October 11, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 20 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New ferry commitment:** Conservatives proposed a BC Ferries Charter, federal-funding talks and high-speed Wi-Fi on major routes. [1]
- **New targeted care pledge:** NDP proposed priority consideration for Jewish seniors at Louis Brier, subject to existing clinical-placement rules. [2]
- **Green clarification:** A new wealth-tax FAQ specifies retroactivity, an exit tax and payment deferrals; new reporting records Lowan's concerns over community consent for AI data centres. [3][4]
- **Fiscal and personnel disputes:** NDP challenged CentreBC's Oct. 10 platform; an NDP candidate and the Canadian Muslim Forum sought accountability over the Conservative campaign director. No dismissal was verified. [5][6][7][8]

What changed on Day 20

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
BC Conservatives	Oct. 11: Doerkson proposed a BC Ferries Charter setting service standards; federal funding negotiations; and high-speed Wi-Fi on major routes and terminals through private procurement. [1]	New party proposals, not implemented; no fiscal costing supplied.
BC NDP	Oct. 11: Proposed expanding eligibility for priority consideration at Vancouver's Louis Brier long-term-care home to Jewish seniors generally, beyond an existing Holocaust-survivor pilot. [2]	Party pledge. NDP says clinical need and placement timing would still govern.
BC Greens	Oct. 11: Fair Share Act FAQ added a proposed retroactive one-time wealth tax , a tax on departure from B.C. and deferrals for up to five years; party says fewer than 2,500 households affected. [3]	New implementation detail; party estimates and scope unverified independently.
BC Greens / AI	Reported Oct. 11: Lowan called for communities to have a say in AI data-centre approvals, responding to the NDP's Oct. 10 water-use pledge. She asked whether local communities could refuse projects. [4]	New reported response; not a new moratorium proposal.
CentreBC	Oct. 11: NDP attacked CentreBC's Oct. 10 fiscal platform , arguing proposed spending restraint implied cuts of \$1.5b in 2027/28 and \$3b in 2028/29. CentreBC projects balance in 2034/35. [5][6]	Competing party interpretations; no independent audit established.
Campaign personnel	Oct. 11: NDP candidate Amna Shah renewed calls concerning Conservative campaign director Katy Merrifield. The Canadian Muslim Forum also publicly requested party accountability. [7][8]	New reactions to an older controversy; no verified removal at cutoff.

Campaign framing at close of Day 20

- BC NDP - Added a culturally specific long-term-care pledge; contested CentreBC's fiscal assumptions. [2][6]
- BC Conservatives - Emphasized ferry service, reliability and connectivity; personnel questions continued. [1][7][8]
- BC Greens - Clarified wealth-tax mechanisms and pressed for local consent in AI infrastructure decisions. [3][4]
- CentreBC - Its Oct. 10 multi-year budget plan became the subject of a new NDP challenge. [5][6]
- OneBC - No verified Day 20 leadership, nomination or ballot-affiliation change; earlier endorsement claims remain distinct from the official candidate list. [9]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	WHY IT MATTERS
OCT 12	Thanksgiving; provincial district electoral offices closed. [11]	In-office voting unavailable that day.
OCT 14	Broadcast leaders' debate, 6:15-8 p.m. Pacific. [14]	Eby, Doerkson, Lowan; Sturko and Brodie not invited.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time. [11]	Some sites have fewer open days; verify location.
OCT 17	B.C. general local elections. [12]	Overlaps second day of provincial advance voting.
OCT 18	Last day to request a provincial mail ballot online/by phone. [11]	Completed ballot must arrive by 8 p.m. Oct. 24.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [11]	13 days from Day 20; 93 constituencies.

Polling: no newly verified Oct. 11 province-wide survey

Latest public release: Liaison Strategies, **Oct. 9** (fieldwork Oct. 7-8): Conservatives **43%**, NDP **37%**, Greens **10%**, OneBC **4%**, CentreBC **3%**, others **4%** among decided/leaning voters; figures total 101% due to rounding. **[10]**

Method: Random-digit-dialled automated phone survey (IVR), landlines and mobiles, n=1,000 adults; weighted to 2021 Census. The published +/-3.1 percentage-point margin applies to the full sample, not the decided/leaning subgroup. A poll does not forecast seats or the final result. **[10]**

Provincial-local election overlap

Dates: Local General Voting Day is **Oct. 17**, during provincial advance voting (**Oct. 16-21**). Local jurisdictions administer municipal voting; Elections BC administers the provincial vote and local-election campaign-finance rules. **[11][12]**

No newly quantified Oct. 11 effect: Oct. 10 Canadian Press reporting documented voter date confusion and campaign-worker competition in Prince George, Squamish and Vancouver. These are accounts from participants, *not* province-wide turnout measurements. **[13]**

What to watch on Day 21

- Any response from CentreBC to the NDP's fiscal criticism; independent costings of the ferry and wealth-tax plans. **[1][3][5][6]**
- Whether the Conservative campaign director's position changes, beyond today's statements. **[7][8]**
- Further candidate-status notices and preparations for the Oct. 14 debate; electoral offices closed for Thanksgiving on Oct. 12. **[9][11][14]**

Scope note: Nonpartisan public-source review through **7:53 p.m. Pacific, Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026**. A new party statement is confirmed as a statement, not proof its claims are correct; all commitments remain proposals. No verified new Oct. 11 party leadership change, MLA switch, candidate withdrawal/addition or province-wide poll. The most recent Elections BC candidate update remains dated Oct. 10. No party, leader, candidate or choice is endorsed, opposed, ranked or scored. **[9]**

Sources (numbered; blue titles open the published records)

[1] BC Conservatives. Oct. 11 ferries charter, Wi-Fi and funding release.

[2] BC NDP. Oct. 11 Louis Brier long-term-care commitment.

[3] BC Greens. Oct. 11 Fair Share Act FAQ and design details.

[4] The Canadian Press. Oct. 11 report on Greens and AI data-centre approval.

[5] CentreBC. Oct. 10 published 2026 platform and fiscal framework.

[6] BC NDP. Oct. 11 criticism of CentreBC fiscal projections.

[7] BC NDP. Oct. 11 Amna Shah statement on campaign director.

[8] Canadian Muslim Forum. Oct. 11 call for Conservative campaign accountability.

[9] Elections BC. Oct. 10 latest candidate-list withdrawal bulletin.

[10] Liaison Strategies. Oct. 9 IVR survey; fieldwork Oct. 7-8.

[11] Elections BC. 2026 provincial voting options and closing dates.

[12] Elections BC. 2026 local election timeline and responsibilities.

[13] The Canadian Press via CityNews. Oct. 10 report on local/provincial overlap.

[14] Global News. Oct. 6 report on Oct. 14 televised leaders debate.