B.C. Election 2026 - Day 23 Brief

Campaign Day 23: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 23 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Two candidate withdrawals confirmed:** Elections BC reported Oct. 14 that OneBC's Frederick Thiele and independent Gerry Lenoski withdrew; notices were accepted **Oct. 13**. Both names remain on printed ballots. [1]
- **New NDP costings and commitments:** Party projects a roughly **$12B deficit in 2028-29**; it also pledged new transit, forestry and public-safety measures. These are proposals and forecasts, not appropriations. [3][4][5][6][7]
- **Conservatives and CentreBC:** Doerkson proposed a **60-day separation** between provincial and local elections; Sturko outlined housing targets, including **20,000 BC Builds homes by 2031**. [8][10]
- **New Leger poll:** Conservatives **42%**, NDP **40%** among decided voters. The leaders' debate is **still underway** at this cutoff; no verified new leadership or MLA switch. [2][12]

What changed on Day 23

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
Candidates	**Reported Oct. 14; accepted Oct. 13:** OneBC's **Frederick Thiele** withdrew in North Vancouver-Seymour; independent **Gerry Lenoski** withdrew in New Westminster-Coquitlam. Election officials will post signs and advise voters. [1]	Official withdrawals. Both names remain on ballots already printed; **not active candidates**.
BC NDP	**Oct. 14:** Released platform costings projecting a **~$12B** 2028-29 deficit (versus ~$14B forecast this fiscal year). Separately proposed **$40M/year** for BC Transit and Metro Vancouver BRT. [3][4][5]	Party financial forecast and new pledges; figures are not audited election outcomes.
BC NDP	**Oct. 14:** Proposed a **$120M, two-year forestry protection fund**, additional mill-retrofit support; 50 Crown prosecutors and a dedicated extortion/gang unit. [6][7]	New policy commitments; delivery and effects unverified.
BC Conservatives	**Oct. 14:** Proposed barring provincial elections within **60 days** of local voting; candidates also promised a Burke Mountain school and Eagle Ridge Hospital MRI. [8][9]	Party commitments, not enacted election law or funded projects.
CentreBC	**Oct. 14:** Sturko presented housing measures: double BC Builds to **20,000 below-market homes by 2031**, faster approvals and a **$600 renter credit**. [10]	Campaign detail of party's existing Oct. 11 platform.
Polling / debate	**Oct. 14:** Leger published a **42%-40%** Conservative-NDP decided-voter split. Eby, Doerkson and Lowan are participating in the 6:15-8 p.m. broadcast debate. [2][12]	Online survey, not a result; no post-debate conclusion at 7:48 p.m.

Campaign framing at close of Day 23

BC NDP - Costed its campaign platform and added commitments on transit, forestry and public safety; projections remain party assumptions. [3][5][6][7]

BC Conservatives - Proposed separating election calendars and announced Tri-Cities projects; criticized NDP fiscal projections. [8][9]

BC Greens - Defended the fiscal plan released Oct. 13 and participated in tonight's debate; no separately verified new Day 23 platform release. [11][12]

CentreBC - Presented housing targets and permitting changes; Sturko did not join the televised debate. [10][12]

OneBC - The Thiele withdrawal is a confirmed ballot-status change; Brodie was not on the televised debate stage. [1][12]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	MEANING AT CUTOFF
OCT 14	Televised leaders' debate, **6:15-8 p.m.** Pacific. Eby, Doerkson and Lowan. [12]	**In progress** at 7:48 p.m.; post-debate coverage not assessed.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, **8 a.m.-8 p.m.** at locations on their open dates. [14]	Not every voting place opens daily.
OCT 17	General local voting day (municipalities, regional districts, school trustees). [15]	Overlaps second provincial advance day.
OCT 18	Deadline to request provincial mail-voting package online/by phone. [13]	Completed package must arrive by Oct. 24, 8 p.m. PT.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, **8 a.m.-8 p.m.** Pacific. [14]	10 calendar days after Day 23.

Polling | new release October 14

Leger (released **Oct. 14**; fieldwork Oct. 9-12) [2]

Conservatives	BC NDP	BC Greens	OneBC	CentreBC
42%	**40%**	**9%**	**4%**	**3%**

Online non-probability sample of **1,000 adults** (decided respondents: **832**); weighted by age, gender, region and education. Leger says a conventional margin of error **does not apply** (a probability sample of 1,000 would be +/-3.1 points). The 2-point difference does not establish a statistically certain lead. [2]

Context only, **not new today**: Ipsos' Oct. 13 release put Conservatives at 43%, NDP 38% (mixed online/live-phone n=1,356). Different methods and denominators mean no cross-firm same-day swing can be inferred. Polls measure preferences, not seats. [16]

Provincial-local election overlap

New Oct. 14 pledge: Conservatives proposed at least 60 days between provincial and local votes. This would require a future legal/policy change; current dates are unchanged. Elections BC manages provincial voting while local jurisdictions run their own local elections; Elections BC administers the local campaign-financing framework. [8][15]

On **Saturday, Oct. 17**, local general voting coincides with the second day of provincial advance voting. Electors should check separate voting-place information for each election. [13][14][15]

What to watch on Day 24

- **Oct. 15:** Substantive post-debate statements and verification of contested factual claims; tonight's debate was still underway at the cutoff. [12]
- **Costings:** Any Conservative full fiscal costing; independent review of NDP and Green platform revenue assumptions. [3][4][11]
- **Ballot information:** Elections BC signage/instructions for the two withdrawn candidates; provincial advance-site opening information for Oct. 16. [1][14]

Scope note: Neutral review of available public sources through **7:48 p.m. Pacific, Oct. 14, 2026**. "Confirmed" means an election-agency action or reliably evidenced announcement; party pledges and self-costings are attributed, not independently validated. The two withdrawals were **accepted Oct. 13** and reported today. The televised debate was ongoing at cutoff. No independently verified Day 23 leadership change or MLA floor-crossing. No endorsement, ranking or recommendation.

Sources (numbered; entries link to the source record)

[1] Elections BC. Oct. 14 candidate update; two withdrawals accepted Oct. 13.
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[5] BC NDP. Oct. 14 $40M/year BC Transit and BRT pledge.
[6] BC NDP. Oct. 14 forestry plan and two-year $120M fund.
[7] BC NDP. Oct. 14 extortion, gang and prosecutor pledges.
[8] BC Conservatives. Oct. 14 proposal for 60-day election separation.
[9] BC Conservatives. Oct. 14 Burke Mountain school/MRI announcement.
[10] RED FM. Oct. 14 CentreBC housing-plan announcement.
[11] Canadian Press. Oct. 14 report on Green fiscal plan released Oct. 13.
[12] Global News. Oct. 14 leaders debate live broadcast, 6:15-8 p.m.
[13] Elections BC. 2026 provincial dates and mail-voting deadline.
[14] Elections BC. 2026 provincial voting methods and location hours.
[15] Elections BC. Oct. 17 general local elections and who runs voting.
[16] Ipsos. Oct. 13 poll, Oct. 7-11 fieldwork, mixed-mode n=1,356.