

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 24 Brief

Campaign Day 24: Thursday, October 15, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 24 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Candidate disavowed:** Conservatives removed **Jordan Zheng McIntosh** from their campaign in Vancouver-Strathcona after alleged Holocaust-related posts surfaced. The party action is confirmed; authorship is not independently established. He remains on Elections BC's candidate list. [1][2]
- **New transport and local-governance pledges:** NDP proposed free bus passes for eligible low-income seniors, **\$250M** for Surrey-White Rock rapid buses and a Surrey charter. Conservatives proposed a **10-lane Massey bridge** in place of the tunnel, plus Surrey hospital projects. [3][4]
- **Greens and CentreBC:** Greens proposed sector-wide bargaining and minimum-wage increases above inflation; CentreBC proposed **500 RCMP officers** and **60 prosecutors**. [5][6][7]
- **Developing:** Reporting on draft changes to forestry-tenure compensation drew a detailed NDP response. No verified new poll, leadership change or MLA floor-crossing today. Provincial advance voting starts **Oct. 16**. [8][9][10][11]

What changed on Day 24

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
● Conservatives	Oct. 15: Party withdrew support for Jordan Zheng McIntosh (Vancouver-Strathcona) after an NDP candidate published alleged antisemitic posts. Party says he would not sit in caucus if elected. [1][2]	Party repudiation confirmed ; source account attribution alleged. Not an Elections BC statutory withdrawal.
● Conservatives	Oct. 15: Proposed cancelling the eight-lane Massey replacement tunnel in favour of a 10-lane bridge ; pledged to finish Cloverdale's hospital and develop a Surrey women-and-children's hospital. [3][5]	Campaign promises; cost, timelines and federal funding implications unresolved.
● BC NDP	Oct. 15: Promised free transit for eligible low-income seniors (replacing a \$45 pass), \$250M toward Surrey-White Rock BRT, an updated Cowichan hospital route and a Surrey municipal charter. [4][5][6]	New commitments; charter and infrastructure require future implementation.
● BC Greens	Oct. 15: Proposed sectoral collective bargaining and annual minimum-wage rises of inflation plus one point until reaching a living wage. [5][6]	Party labour proposals, not current legal changes.
● CentreBC	Oct. 15: Sturko proposed 500 additional RCMP officers over five years, 60 Crown prosecutors , more repeat-offender program funding and voluntary corrections recovery units. [6][7]	Party public-safety platform; timelines and operating costs not independently assessed.
● Forestry / voting	Oct. 15: Eby addressed reports about ~400 Crown-land parcels and possible changes to timber-tenure compensation. Elections BC issued an advance-vote advisory for Oct. 16-21 . [8][9][11]	Land proposal draft/disputed ; no legislation approved. Voting guidance official.

Campaign framing at close of Day 24

- **BC NDP** - Transit affordability, Surrey rapid buses and municipal powers; defended the draft forestry-tenure consultation as a cost-management measure. [4][8]
- **BC Conservatives** - Shifted Massey replacement toward a bridge and announced hospital pledges; publicly disavowed a nominated candidate. [1][3]
- **BC Greens** - Prioritized sector-wide labour bargaining and a pathway to a living-wage minimum. [6]
- **CentreBC** - Advanced policing, prosecution and recovery measures under Sturko's public-safety plan. [7]
- **OneBC** - No separately verified substantive Oct. 15 policy, leadership, caucus or candidate-status change in sources reviewed.

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	MEANING AT CUTOFF
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting at participating sites, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time. [11][13]	Starts tomorrow; not every site opens every day.
OCT 17	General local voting day for municipal councils, school boards and relevant local bodies. [12]	Coincides with Day 2 of provincial advance voting.
OCT 18	Last day to request a provincial mail-voting package online or by phone. [13]	Completed ballot due by 8 p.m. Oct. 24.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [11][13]	9 calendar days from this brief.

Polling | no new Day 24 release verified

Leger (released Oct. 14; fieldwork Oct. 9-12) - **context only, not a new poll today.** [10]

Conservatives

42%

BC NDP

40%

BC Greens

9%

OneBC

4%

CentreBC

3%

Online non-probability sample of **1,000 adults**; reported percentages are among decided voters. Conventional random-sample margins of error **do not apply**. A 2-point difference is not proof of a statistically certain lead. Cross-firm trends cannot be inferred from individual releases. [10]

Provincial-local election overlap

New Oct. 15 proposal: Eby would grant **Surrey its own municipal charter**, similar to Vancouver's. This is a substantive proposed change to provincial-local governance, not a charter already enacted. [4][5]

Voting logistics: The **Oct. 17 local general vote** occurs during provincial advance voting (Oct. 16-21). They are separate elections with separate ballots, voting places and administrators. Verify each poll through its own election authority; provincial advance places may not open every day. [11][12][13]

What to watch on Day 25

- **Friday, Oct. 16:** Provincial advance-vote opening and any official ballot-status or polling-place advisories. [11]
- **Candidates:** Whether election officials clarify McIntosh's listed affiliation after the party's repudiation; do not confuse party removal with a formal withdrawal. [1][2]
- **Policy / documents:** Costs and feasibility of the Massey bridge, Surrey projects and charter; independent examination of the draft timber-tenure compensation plan. [3][4][8]

Scope note: Neutral review of public sources available through **8:24 p.m. Pacific, Oct. 15, 2026**. A party announcement confirms a stated promise, not implementation or fiscal validation. Claims about an anonymous online account remain allegations. The land-compensation material is draft and contested; no new enacted law is reported. No independently verified Day 24 leadership change, MLA switch or province-wide survey was identified. No endorsement or electoral recommendation is made.

Sources (numbered; each entry links to the source record)

[1] Canadian Press, Oct. 15: Conservatives disavow Jordan McIntosh after alleged posts.

[2] Elections BC: official 2026 candidate list (McIntosh still listed).

[3] BC Conservatives, Oct. 15: Massey bridge and Surrey hospitals pledge.

[4] BC NDP, Oct. 15: transit, Surrey BRT and charter announcement.

[5] Global News, Oct. 15: competing transit, bridge, safety and labour pledges.

[6] Canadian Press, Oct. 15: Greens labour and CentreBC public safety details.

[7] RED FM, Oct. 15: CentreBC policing, prosecution and recovery proposals.

[8] Canadian Press, Oct. 15: Eby responds to draft tenure-compensation plans.

[9] Global News, Oct. 15: disputed Crown-land document and government response.

[10] Leger, Oct. 14: vote intentions; fieldwork Oct. 9-12; survey methods.

[11] Elections BC, Oct. 15: provincial advance voting begins Oct. 16.

[12] Government of B.C.: general local elections, voting Oct. 17.

[13] Elections BC: voting locations, hours, mail-ballot deadlines.