

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 27 Brief

Campaign Day 27: Sunday, October 18, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 27 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Conservative fiscal platform lands:** The party released its 71-page costing document today: \$2.62B in projected additional growth revenue over three years and a \$10.8B deficit by 2030. Assumptions remain unverified. [1]
- **New commitments and campaign exchange:** Conservatives proposed a child-activity credit and school measures; NDP added a 30-day small-builder permit pledge; Eby and Lowan exchanged arguments over Green votes. [2][3][4]
- **Advance-vote count updated:** Elections BC now reports **337,961** preliminary votes on Oct. 16-17; the Oct. 18 tally is not yet available. [5]
- **Municipal results take shape:** Vancouver and Surrey councils have changed substantially; Victoria and Saanich split on an amalgamation question. No new provincial leader or MLA switch verified. [7][9][10][12]

What changed on Day 27

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
• BC Conservatives	Oct. 18: Released a 71-page fiscal platform projecting \$2.62B added revenue over three years, based on higher GDP growth; a \$10.8B deficit by 2030; and \$1.8B program-review plus \$2B staffing savings over four years. [1]	Platform is published; revenue, growth and savings are party projections , not independently validated.
• BC Conservatives	Oct. 18: Announced a proposed \$500 refundable annual child-activity credit , expanded school meals, stricter school cellphone rules, and playground funding of \$10M/year . [2][4]	Promises, not enacted programs; cost estimates require scrutiny alongside platform totals.
• BC NDP	Oct. 18: Promised 30-day permits for compliant small builds (up to six units), \$5M/year for municipalities, and a \$390M shovel-ready affordable-housing call. [3]	Party announcement; proposed funding and federal agreements are not completed.
• BC NDP / Greens	Oct. 18: Eby asked prior Green voters to consider the NDP; Lowan rejected his characterization and defended a distinct Green offer. [4]	Confirmed public campaign statements; no Green-NDP electoral arrangement announced.
• Election admin	Oct. 18 update: Elections BC shows 200,609 advance ballots on Oct. 17 and 337,961 for Oct. 16-17 (Oct. 16 revised to 137,352). [5]	Preliminary; tabulations can change. No Oct. 18 vote count posted at cutoff.
• Local elections	Oct. 18: New official preliminary listings detail Vancouver's council change and Surrey's McCallum win; reporting puts his coalition at 7/8 councillors. [7][8][9]	Municipal results, not provincial party tallies; local declarations still pending.

Campaign framing at close of Day 27

- **BC NDP** - Put housing approval times and public investments forward; Eby made a direct appeal to previous Green voters. [3][4]
- **BC Conservatives** - Shifted from individual pledges to a published fiscal projection; added child-focused proposals. [1][2]
- **BC Greens** - Lowan disputed Eby's strategic-vote argument; no new province-wide Green costings identified today. [4]
- **CentreBC** - No separately verified substantive Oct. 18 announcement, leadership change or candidate-status event.
- **OneBC** - No separately verified substantive Oct. 18 announcement, leadership change or candidate-status event.

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	MEANING AT CUTOFF
OCT 18	Today: Last date to request a provincial mail ballot online or by phone. [6]	Ballot must still be received by Oct. 24 deadline.
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time where open. [6]	Three more days, Oct. 19-21.
OCT 21	Scheduled declaration of Vancouver's official municipal results. [7]	Current local totals remain preliminary.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [6]	Six days away.

Polling | no verified new province-wide release on Oct. 18

Leger, released Oct. 14 - Decided-voter topline; Oct. 9-12 fieldwork; non-probability online panel (n=1,000). [11]

Conservatives

42%

BC NDP

40%

BC Greens

9%

OneBC

4%

CentreBC

3%

Method: A conventional sampling margin of error does not apply to Leger's online panel. Pollara's latest **secondary-listed** topline (fieldwork Oct. 8-13, online/IVR, n=1,212) were Conservative 41%, NDP 36%, Green 13%, OneBC 5%, CentreBC 4%; the complete original methodology was not independently retrieved. Different polls are **not** day-to-day movements or seat counts. [11]

Provincial-local election overlap

Municipal composition: Vancouver's Oct. 18 official **unofficial** return gives Pete Fry 98,494 votes to Ken Sim's 67,467; council: four municipal Greens, four COPE, one OneCity and one ABC. The municipal Green organization is not the provincial BC Greens. [7]

Surrey: Preliminary totals show Doug McCallum with 42,741 votes to Brenda Locke's 30,886. Local reporting indicates McCallum's Safe Surrey Coalition won seven of eight council seats. Policing, housing and transit will require new provincial-municipal relationships. [8][9]

Regional questions: Preliminary results show Victoria favoured considering amalgamation with Saanich (about 62% yes), while Saanich rejected it (about 68% no). These were non-binding local questions, not mandates for provincial action. [10]

What to watch on Day 28

- **Fiscal scrutiny:** Line-by-line assessment of the newly published Conservative growth, spending, tax and deficit assumptions; NDP's rebuttal is a party claim, not an audit. [1]
- **Official totals:** Elections BC's preliminary Oct. 18 advance-voting figures and any voting-place changes; municipal declaration and recount notices. [5][7]
- **Campaign follow-up:** Responses to NDP housing and Conservative child-program promises; new verified statements by Greens, CentreBC and OneBC. [2][3][4]

Scope note: Non-partisan public-source review through **8:05 p.m. Pacific, Oct. 18, 2026**. Party releases document promises, not enacted programs or independently verified fiscal outcomes. Local results and advance-turnout figures are preliminary; a municipal election is not a measure of provincial party support. No new provincial leadership change, MLA switch, or formal candidate withdrawal was verified in sources checked. This brief provides no endorsement or electoral advice.

Sources (numbered; clickable references)

[1] Canadian Press, Oct. 18: Conservatives release 71-page fiscal platform

[3] BC NDP, Oct. 18: housing and small-builder promises

[5] Elections BC, advance-voting participation table (PDF)

[7] City of Vancouver, Oct. 18: unofficial local election results

[9] Daily Hive, Oct. 18: Surrey council composition

[11] BCPoliTracker, Oct. 18: polling comparison and fieldwork

[2] Vista Radio, Oct. 18: Conservative children and schools plan

[4] Canadian Press, Oct. 18: Eby appeal and Lowan response

[6] Elections BC, 2026 election dates and deadlines

[8] LocalElections.ca, Oct. 18: Surrey preliminary totals

[10] Canadian Press, Oct. 18: municipal results and Saanich question

[12] Elections BC, final provincial candidate list