B.C. Election 2026 - Day 28 Brief

Campaign Day 28: Monday, October 19, 2026 | Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 28 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New polling:** Angus Reid reports Conservatives 46%, NDP 43% and Greens 8% among decided/leaning voters, based on Oct. 15-19 online fieldwork. [1]
- **New policy packages:** Conservatives propose a forestry harvest floor and 11 urgent/primary care centres; CentreBC makes an affordability pitch; Greens detail craft-brewing reforms. [3][4][6][7]
- **Cowichan announcement:** Conservative candidate Bert Chen seeks up to $10M for Crofton mill-site renewal and a municipal water system; this is not an approved allocation. [5]
- **Voting update:** Elections BC now tabulates 440,318 preliminary advance ballots through Oct. 18. No newly verified leadership switch, MLA defection or formal candidate withdrawal today. [10][12]

What changed on Day 28

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
• **Polling**	**Oct. 19:** Angus Reid Institute (ARI) reports **Conservatives 46%, BC NDP 43%, Greens 8%, other 3%** among decided/leaning voters. [1]	Survey conducted Oct. 15-19; n=793 online panel. A three-point lead is not a forecast or proof of movement.
• **BC Conservatives**	**Oct. 19:** Doerkson proposes a **45-million-cubic-metre annual forestry harvest floor**, faster permitting, biomass hubs and priority for B.C. lumber in public projects. [3]	Party commitments; ecological feasibility, tenure implications and funding are not independently established.
• **BC Conservatives**	**Oct. 19:** Party promises **11 new urgent and primary care centres**, naming Cowichan Valley, Greater Victoria, Comox Valley, Terrace and other communities. [4]	New pledge; sites, operating costs and delivery schedules not supplied in release.
• **Cowichan / Cons.**	**Oct. 19:** Cowichan Valley candidate **Bert Chen** says he would secure **up to $10M** for the Crofton mill site, including a municipally owned water system. [5]	Local candidate proposal; no committed grant, signed agreement or approved project.
• **CentreBC**	**Oct. 19:** At a Surrey stop, **Elenore Sturko** promoted a 15% commuter credit, renter credit increase, hydro-rate cap and child-care expansion. [6]	Campaign package; savings of about $540 per typical two-income family are party estimates.
• **BC Greens**	**Oct. 19:** Juan de Fuca-Malahat candidate **David Evans** proposed revised craft-beer markups and cider access to BC Liquor Stores. [7]	Party pledge; $16.3M/year brewery savings is a Craft Brewers Guild estimate.
• **BC NDP**	**Oct. 19:** Eby defended a united Canada as Alberta voted on a separation-path question; the NDP also challenged omitted costs in the Conservative platform. [8][9]	Confirmed party statements; claims about future service cuts are contested, not audited findings.
• **Election admin**	**Oct. 19 update:** Elections BC table adds **102,357** ballots cast Oct. 18, for **440,318** over Oct. 16-18. [10]	Preliminary; reported by place of voting and subject to late corrections. Oct. 19 tally not posted at cutoff.

Campaign framing at close of Day 28

BC NDP - Eby emphasized Canadian unity and disputed Conservative platform assumptions; his party alleges costs are omitted. [8][9][2]

BC Conservatives - Doerkson advanced forestry and primary-care proposals, while defending the growth forecasts in the Oct. 18 fiscal plan. [3][4][2]

BC Greens - New small-business emphasis: markup reforms for craft breweries and cideries; savings figures rely on industry estimates. [7]

CentreBC - Sturko focused on household costs and transit, housing and childcare affordability in Surrey. [6]

OneBC - An Oct. 19 notice confirms Brodie plans a Langley campaign appearance Oct. 22; no new major policy or candidate-status event verified. [13]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	MEANING AT CUTOFF
OCT 19	**Day 28:** provincial advance voting continues at locations open today. [11]	Oct. 19 ballot total not yet published at cutoff.
OCT 20-21	**Remaining advance voting days**, generally 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time. [11]	Check location-specific dates; not all sites open daily.
OCT 21	**Vancouver local election official declaration** due by 4 p.m. [14]	Local results currently unofficial.
OCT 24	**Provincial Final Voting Day**, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific. [11]	Five days from tonight; vote anywhere permitted.
NOV 6-10	**Provincial final count** currently scheduled. [11]	Final count distinct from election-night preliminary results.

Polling | Angus Reid release on October 19

Angus Reid Institute: Oct. 15-19 online survey of **793 B.C. adults**, weighted; percentages are among decided and leaning voters. [1]

BC Conservatives	BC NDP	BC Greens	Other*
46%	**43%**	**8%**	**3%**

Method: Online panel, not a simple random probability sample. ARI quotes +/-3 points *for comparison with a probability sample only*; it is not a conventional margin of error for this panel. Small-party results (including CentreBC and OneBC) are not separately shown in the headline percentages. Different firms' polls are not a day-to-day swing. ARI also reports 73% of Conservative supporters and 54% of NDP supporters were "very certain" of their choice; subgroup estimates are less precise. [1]

Provincial-local election overlap

Cowichan: The Crofton proposal would involve North Cowichan's prospective water system and the former mill site; no municipal funding agreement exists in the party release. The Conservative 11-centre proposal separately includes Cowichan Valley. [5] [4]

Other local infrastructure: Conservatives also proposed **$50M** for Hedley/Osoyoos drinking water and an **up to $15M**, two-year Sea-to-Sky express-bus pilot. All are election commitments, not approved capital spending. [15] [16]

Municipal results: Vancouver's October 17 results remain **unofficial** until the expected October 21 declaration. Mayor-elect Pete Fry's municipal Green organization is distinct from the provincial BC Greens. [14]

What to watch on Day 29

- **Poll validation:** Any further survey releases and methodological detail; party vote preference cannot be inferred from advance-voting counts. [1] [10]
- **Delivery details:** Costing, siting, permitting and Indigenous consultation for the new forestry and urgent-care commitments, plus CentreBC and Green proposals. [3] [4] [6] [7]
- **Election administration:** Elections BC's Oct. 19 daily tally and Vancouver's pending local certification; check official lists for actual candidate-status changes. [10] [12] [14]

Scope note: Non-partisan public-source review through **8:34 p.m. Pacific, Oct. 19, 2026**. Party announcements are proposals, not enacted policy or verified budget effects. Polling and turnouts are descriptive and cannot predict district outcomes. Figures can be revised; contested partisan fiscal claims are identified as claims. No new provincial leadership change, MLA switch or formal candidate withdrawal was verified today. No endorsements or electoral advice.

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[11] Elections BC, 2026: official election dates and deadlines
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