

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 30 Brief

Campaign Day 30: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | **Final Voting Day:** Saturday, October 24

DAY 30 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New poll:** Mainstreet reports 41.7% Conservative, 36.0% NDP and 14.6% Green among decided voters. Its suggested Green gain is uncertain. [1] [2]
- **Advance voting concludes:** Elections BC reports **710,713 provisional ballots through Oct. 20**; Oct. 21's final-day total remains pending. [3] [4]
- **New Green commitments:** A domestic tuition freeze and post-secondary funding review, plus legal protections for some long-term leaseholders. [5] [6]
- **Campaign / local crossover:** Eby campaigned in Surrey as Doerkson attended fundraisers; Vancouver certified its municipal results and two public-safety plebiscites. [5] [7]

What changed on Day 30

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
Polling	Oct. 21: Mainstreet's Oct. 17-18 IVR poll puts BC Conservatives 41.7%, BC NDP 36.0%, Greens 14.6%, OneBC 5.0%, CentreBC 2.6% . [1] [2]	Fresh release; n=907. Comparisons require same-pollster and sampling caveats.
Voting data	Oct. 21 update: Elections BC's revised five-day advance total is 710,713 , including 138,000 attributed to Oct. 20. [3]	Preliminary and revisable. Oct. 21 ballots not yet published.
BC Greens	Oct. 21: Andrew Appleton outlined a domestic tuition/mandatory-fee freeze, a revised college funding model and more non-market student housing. [5] [6]	Party commitments; costs and implementation remain to be established.
BC Greens	Oct. 21: Emily Lowan pledged greater protections for occupants of housing on certain long-term leases. [5]	Party proposal; precise legislative design not verified in reporting reviewed.
BC NDP / Conservatives	Oct. 21: David Eby visited Surrey and contrasted Fraser River crossing plans; Lorne Doerkson's schedule featured two private fundraisers, with no media availability. [5]	Campaign activity and dispute, not a new costed infrastructure announcement.
Local certification	Oct. 21: Vancouver certified its Oct. 17 election: Pete Fry elected mayor with 98,748 votes; two public-safety plebiscites passed. [7]	Official local results; plebiscites are non-binding and require separate government action.

Campaign framing at close of Day 30

BC NDP - David Eby focused on Surrey and the competing Massey crossing approaches. Criticism of Conservative media access is a party claim; no new infrastructure approval established. [5]

BC Conservatives - Interim leader Lorne Doerkson attended fundraisers Oct. 21; the party confirmed a public announcement and Surrey rally for Oct. 22. No new leadership or caucus switch verified. [5]

BC Greens - Emily Lowan and Andrew Appleton added leaseholder and post-secondary policy pledges; Mainstreet reports 14.6% decided-voter support. [1] [5] [6]

CentreBC - Elenore Sturko described a fiscally responsible, socially progressive alternative in an Oct. 21 interview. This was positioning, **not** a newly verified platform measure. [5]

OneBC - Dallas Brodie's party recorded 5.0% in the new Mainstreet poll. No substantive Oct. 21 policy, leadership or formal candidate-status change verified. [2] [9]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	MEANING AT CUTOFF
OCT 21	Day 30: Sixth and final day of provincial advance voting; polls closed at 8 p.m. local time. [4]	Six-day advance turnout total not yet verified.
OCT 22	Day 31: Remaining campaign period; Conservatives scheduled a Metro Vancouver announcement and Surrey rally. [5]	Watch for actual policy content and costs.
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day , 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific; completed mail ballots due by 8 p.m. [4]	Three days remaining from Oct. 21.
NOV 6-10	Scheduled provincial final count ; separate from election-night preliminary counts. [10]	Official count process after Oct. 24.

Polling | new Mainstreet release, October 21

Mainstreet Research: Fieldwork **Oct. 17-18**, **907** respondents; automated telephone (IVR). Figures below are shares of **decided voters**. [1] [2]

BC Conservatives

BC NDP

BC Greens

OneBC

CentreBC

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2.6%

Method: Mainstreet reports +/-3.3 percentage points (95% level) for its survey; **10.6%** were initially undecided. Compared with its Sep. 30-Oct. 1 poll, Green support is higher (11.2% to 14.6%) and Conservative support lower (44.7% to 41.7%). These apparent changes may reflect sampling variation; do not infer a projected winner, seat count or municipal-election causation. Other firms' Oct. 19-20 polls used different methods and field dates. [1] [2]

Provincial-local election overlap

Vancouver official declaration, Oct. 21: Pete Fry (municipal Green) received **98,748** mayoral votes. Official turnout was **209,711 ballots (43.4%)**, versus 36.3% in 2022. The city's municipal Greens and the provincial BC Green Party are separate organizations. [7]

Public-safety vote: Vancouver residents approved non-binding plebiscites to strengthen public-space hard-drug restrictions (**137,178 yes; 62,880 no**) and to request provincial action on voluntary and 100-plus involuntary-care beds (**135,509 yes; 63,722 no**). The latter is a **request**, not a provincial commitment or funded project. [7] [8]

What to watch on Day 31

- **Election administration:** Elections BC's revised six-day advance-vote total, including Oct. 21; confirm any subsequent candidate-list notices. [3] [9]
- **Party announcements:** Substance, costs and accessibility of the Conservatives' Oct. 22 campaign event, plus any new NDP, Green, CentreBC or OneBC commitments. [5]
- **Polling / local policy:** Whether later independent surveys replicate Mainstreet's Green reading; whether Vancouver's non-binding health-care request draws a provincial response. [1] [7]

Scope note: Non-partisan public-source review through **8:35 p.m. Pacific, Oct. 21, 2026**. Verified actions, stated party pledges, polling estimates and unresolved claims are distinguished. No newly verified MLA affiliation switch, party leadership change or formal candidate withdrawal was identified today. Preliminary voting figures may change. No party, leader, candidate or electoral choice is endorsed, opposed, ranked, scored or recommended.

Sources (numbered; clickable original or attributable reporting)

[1] Mainstreet Research, B.C. poll release, Oct. 21

[3] Elections BC, provisional advance voting data, updated Oct. 21

[5] Canadian Press / Castanet, campaign report, Oct. 21

[7] City of Vancouver, certified election/plebiscite results, Oct. 21

[9] Elections BC, 2026 final candidate and affiliation list

[2] BC Ballot, Mainstreet method and same-firm comparator, Oct. 21

[4] Elections BC, voting locations, hours and final-vote rules

[6] voche.me citing Daily Hive, BC Greens tuition policy, Oct. 21

[8] City of Vancouver, legal context for non-binding plebiscites

[10] Elections BC, official 2026 election milestone calendar