# B.C. Election 2026 - Day 31 Brief

Campaign Day 31: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

## DAY 31 IN 30 SECONDS

- **New Léger poll:** Conservatives 44%, NDP 39%, Greens 13% among decided respondents; panel-based findings carry sampling limitations. [1] [2]
- **Advance voting final total:** Elections BC reports **891,348** ballots across six days; figures remain preliminary and revisable. [3]
- **New health and arts pledges:** NDP proposes statutory nurse-to-patient ratios; BC Greens propose a $65m Arts Council budget and venue-permit changes. [5] [7]
- **Surrey and minority-parliament debate:** Conservatives regroup existing Surrey infrastructure pledges; NDP and Green statements dispute potential post-election support. [4] [8] [9]

## What changed on Day 31

| AREA | CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT | STATUS / CONTEXT |
|---|---|---|
| **New poll** | Oct. 22: Léger measured Conservatives **44%**, NDP **39%** and Greens **13%** among decided respondents; OneBC 2%, CentreBC 1%. [1] [2] | New survey; online panel. Do not treat the five-point difference as a forecast. |
| **Advance vote** | Oct. 22 publication: **891,348** ballots were cast across Oct. 16–21, including **178,956** on the final day. [3] [4] | Elections BC preliminary total; about 23.8% of Oct. 14 voter register. |
| **BC NDP** | Oct. 22: Eby promised legislation setting minimum nurse-to-patient ratios and extension toward emergency departments. [4] [5] | New legal commitment; staffing capacity and implementation not specified. |
| **BC NDP** | Oct. 22: Burnaby candidates pledged full-day, seven-day operation of the Edmonds urgent and primary care centre. [6] | Local service-hours proposal; not an operating change yet. |
| **BC Greens** | Oct. 22: Lowan and Cowichan Valley candidate Justin Douglas proposed a **$65m** annual BC Arts Council budget, a small-venue licence and faster filming permits. [7] | Party commitments; no enacted funding or regulations. |
| **Conservatives** | Oct. 22: Doerkson presented a four-part **Surrey Success Plan** covering Newton SkyTrain, Massey bridge and two hospital projects. [8] [9] | New regional package; core promises were announced Oct. 15 and 20. |
| **NDP / Greens** | Oct. 22: An NDP statement raised the prospect of Green backing for a Conservative minority; Lowan disputed the characterization. [4] | Confirmed exchange, **not** a post-election deal or endorsement. |

## Campaign framing at close of Day 31

**BC NDP — David Eby.** Added nurse staffing legislation and a Burnaby clinic-hours pledge; its remarks about possible Green support for Conservatives are disputed. [4] [5] [6]

**BC Conservatives — Lorne Doerkson.** Bundled four previously stated Surrey transit/bridge/hospital promises; no confirmed new leadership or MLA change. [8] [9] [10]

**BC Greens — Emily Lowan.** Released arts policy with Justin Douglas; Lowan rebutted the NDP's minority-government characterization. [4] [7]

**CentreBC — Elenore Sturko.** Included at 1% in Léger's decided-voter sample; no new Oct. 22 province-wide policy, nomination or leadership change verified. [2]

**OneBC — Dallas Brodie.** A Langley appearance was scheduled for Oct. 22; completion was not verified. No new policy or formal candidate change confirmed. [2] [12]

## Election clock

| DATE | MILESTONE | MEANING AT CUTOFF |
|---|---|---|
| **OCT 21** | Sixth and final advance-voting day closed at 8 p.m.; final daily count published Oct. 22. **[3]** | 891,348 six-day ballots; provisional. |
| **OCT 23** | Campaign Day 32: final full day before General Voting Day. | Watch final announcements, polling and administrative updates. |
| **OCT 24** | Provincial General Voting Day, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Pacific; mail ballots must arrive by 8 p.m. **[11]** | **Two days away** at Oct. 22 cutoff. |
| **NOV 6–10** | Scheduled final count, following election-night preliminary results. **[11]** | Vote certification process follows Oct. 24. |

## Polling | new Léger release, October 22

**Fieldwork:** Oct. 20–22; n=1,072 adults via Léger's LEO online panel. Figures below are **among decided respondents**. **[1] [2]**

| BC Conservatives | BC NDP | BC Greens | OneBC | CentreBC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **44%** | **39%** | **13%** | **2%** | **1%** |

Léger reported 6% undecided in the full sample and weighted by age, gender, region and education. The stated ±3.0-point figure is **hypothetical for a probability sample**, not a conventional margin of error for this online panel. The 5-point party gap is not a seat projection; previous firms used differing samples and methods. **[2]**

## Provincial–local election overlap

**Surrey:** The Conservatives' Oct. 22 bundled Newton SkyTrain proposal follows Oct. 20 commitments by both major parties and the Oct. 17 mayoral election. An election pledge is not an approved project, funded agreement or construction schedule. **[8] [9] [10]**

**Vancouver / elsewhere:** Municipal results and plebiscites certified on Oct. 21 were covered previously. No newly verified Oct. 22 provincial implementation agreement or leadership change was identified.

## What to watch on Day 32 | Friday, October 23

- **Last-day platform detail:** project funding, staffing implementation, timelines and fiscal assumptions behind today's pledges.
- **Election administration:** corrections to advance-turnout data, voting-place advisories, and mail-ballot delivery guidance. **[3] [11]**
- **New polling / candidate records:** distinguish releases from reused fieldwork; verify any nomination, withdrawal or caucus-affiliation claim against official records.

## Scope note

Public-source review of verifiable developments dated Oct. 22 and available by 8:30 p.m. Pacific. Party releases are attributed as proposals; reporting and official data are distinguished. No independently verified Day 31 provincial leadership switch, MLA floor-crossing or formal candidate withdrawal was identified. Polls are not predictions or recommendations.

## Sources (numbered; click to open original releases / reporting)

01 Léger, provincial polling release (Oct. 22)
02 Léger, survey tables and methodology (Oct. 22)
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04 Canadian Press, day-end party developments (Oct. 22)
05 BC NDP, nurse-staffing legislation (Oct. 22)
06 BC NDP, Edmonds clinic hours (Oct. 22)
07 BC Greens, arts and culture proposal (Oct. 22)
08 BC Conservatives, Surrey Success Plan (Oct. 22)
09 BC Conservatives, earlier Surrey commitments (Oct. 15)
10 CityNews, Newton SkyTrain proposals (Oct. 21)
11 Elections BC, election dates and voting rules
12 Fraser Valley Today, OneBC Langley appearance (Oct. 19)