B.C. Election 2026 - Day 32 Brief

Campaign Day 32: Friday, October 23, 2026

Final Voting Day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 32 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Three new final-day polls:** Research Co. measures Conservatives **44%**, NDP **40%**, Greens **10%**; Ipsos finds **44 / 39 / 13**, and Pollara **42 / 37 / 13** among decided respondents. [1] [2] [3]
- **Leadership debate, not leadership change:** Eby acknowledged frustration over the snap election; Doerkson rejected his criticism and said he intended to continue as Conservative leader. [4]
- **Local-provincial crossover:** Surrey mayor-elect Doug McCallum's **Oct. 22** endorsement of the Conservatives was newly reported on Oct. 23; it was not a municipal-government decision. [7] [11]
- **Tomorrow's count:** Final Voting Day ballots will be hand-counted; advance-vote tabulators are expected to report first. Mail and absentee ballots await the final count. [5] [6]

What changed on Day 32

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	STATUS / CONTEXT
Research Co.	Oct. 23 release: **44% Conservative, 40% NDP, 10% Green**; OneBC and CentreBC at 2% each. [1]	Oct. 21-23 online sample, 802 likely voters; 722 decided.
Ipsos & Pollara	Oct. 23 releases: **Ipsos 44 / 39 / 13**; **Pollara 42 / 37 / 13** (Con / NDP / Green). [2] [3]	Different field periods and modes; neither result forecasts seats.
NDP / Eby	Oct. 23: Eby said he should have better explained the early election call; made a final-day appeal in Surrey. [4]	Confirmed interview and activity; criticism of rivals is attributed political speech.
Conservatives	Oct. 23: Doerkson appeared in Vancouver-Point Grey and rejected Eby's characterization of his leadership. [4]	Interim leader unchanged; no new province-wide pledge verified.
Surrey crossover	Oct. 23 reporting confirmed mayor-elect McCallum endorsed Conservatives at an **Oct. 22** Surrey rally. [7] [11]	Newly reported; event was last night. Personal endorsement only.
Elections BC	Oct. 23 voting guidance clarifies results release, ballot receipt deadlines and election-day restrictions. [5] [6]	Vote-count procedures confirmed; final vote is Oct. 24.

Campaign framing at close of Day 32

BC NDP — David Eby. Surrey, Coquitlam and Langley closing appearances; Eby acknowledged shortcomings in explaining the snap election. No newly verified major policy commitment. [4]

BC Conservatives — Lorne Doerkson. Campaigned in Eby's Vancouver-Point Grey riding; disputed NDP leadership allegations. No verified formal change of leader or caucus. [4]

BC Greens — Emily Lowan. Oct. 23 Sidney campaign activities were scheduled; completion not independently verified. No new province-wide commitment confirmed. [10]

CentreBC — Elenore Sturko. Included at 1-2% in new Ipsos/Research Co. decided-voter polling; no verified Day 32 leadership, nomination or major policy change. [1] [2] [8]

OneBC — Dallas Brodie. Included at 2% in Ipsos/Research Co. polling; no verified Day 32 leadership, candidate-status or major policy change. [1] [2] [8]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE	MEANING AT CUTOFF
OCT 23	Day 32: final full campaign day; final surveys and campaign closing messages published. [1] [2] [3] [4]	End-of-day report.
OCT 24	**Final Voting Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Pacific.** In-person district-office voting ends at 4 p.m.; mail-ballot receipt by 8 p.m. [6]	Preliminary returns after 8 p.m.; new poll release restricted until polls close.
NOV 6-10	Scheduled final count, including mail, assisted telephone and absentee ballots not in election-night returns. [5] [6]	Close ridings may remain unresolved until final count.

Polling | three releases on October 23

Firm / source	Fieldwork, sample and method	Con.	NDP	Greens
Research Co. [1]	Oct. 21-23; n=802 likely voters (722 decided); online	**44%**	**40%**	**10%**
Ipsos [2]	Oct. 20-22; n=1,260 adults; online + live phone	**44%**	**39%**	**13%**
Pollara [3]	Oct. 15-21; n=2,202 adults; online + IVR	**42%**	**37%**	**13%**

Method: Percentages are **among decided respondents**, not a forecast of seats or turnout. Modes, populations, weighting and undecided treatment differ. Ipsos reports a **credibility interval** (±3.3 points); Research Co. uses online sampling; Pollara's ±2.1-point figure is **hypothetical for a probability sample**, not a conventional margin of error for its mixed sample. Do not read inter-firm differences as a same-sample trend. [1] [2] [3]

Provincial-local election overlap

Surrey: At an **Oct. 22** Conservative rally, mayor-elect **Doug McCallum**, elected in the **Oct. 17** local election, endorsed Doerkson. Former mayors Dianne Watts and Linda Hepner also appeared. Reporting on Oct. 23 confirms the endorsement but does not turn it into a City of Surrey resolution, a provincial-municipal agreement or a funded transit plan. [7] [11]

Elsewhere: No newly verified Oct. 23 provincial implementation agreement arising from the Oct. 17 local elections was identified.

What to watch on Day 33 | Saturday, October 24

- **Voting and results:** final-location changes, hand-count reporting pace, and preliminary returns after 8 p.m.; distinguish counted ballots from those held for Nov. 6-10. [5] [6]
- **Election-day rules:** pre-close embargo on newly published poll results, advertising restrictions and 100-metre limits around voting places. [6]
- **Candidate and party records:** verify late claims against Elections BC, rather than treating campaign statements as official nominations or legislative switches. [8]

Scope note

Public-source review of developments dated Oct. 23, available by **8:41 p.m. Pacific**. This brief distinguishes polling releases, direct reporting, party statements and official election guidance. No independently verified Day 32 provincial leadership change, MLA floor-crossing, formal candidate withdrawal or major new province-wide policy commitment was identified. The **891,348** preliminary advance-vote total was released Oct. 22 and is not presented as new. [9]

Sources (numbered; clickable original research, reporting and election guidance)

01 Research Co.: Oct. 23 survey; likely voters
02 Ipsos / Global BC: Oct. 23 final poll and methodology
03 Pollara: Oct. 23 final tracking poll
04 The Canadian Press: Oct. 23 last-day campaign reporting
05 The Canadian Press: Oct. 23 vote-count procedures
06 Elections BC: Oct. 23 Final Voting Day guidance
07 Connect FM / CP: Oct. 23 report on Surrey endorsement
08 Elections BC: Official 2026 candidate record
09 Elections BC: 2026 election / advance voting data
10 BC Greens: Oct. 23 campaign event schedule
11 The Canadian Press: Oct. 23 overview; Surrey Oct. 22 rally