

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 5 Brief

Campaign Day 5: Saturday, September 26 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 5 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Elections BC's accepted-candidate list expanded sharply.** The 8:00 p.m. report listed eight completed nominations, up from one in the report available at the close of Day 4. New accepted filings included **Claire Rattée** for the Conservatives in Skeena and multiple NDP incumbents.^[2]
- **The Conservatives moved from regrouping toward a more visible campaign posture.** **Caroline Elliott** was confirmed for West Vancouver-Capilano, while leader **Lorne Doerkson** said a tour and platform announcements are being prepared after several low-profile days.^{[3][4]}
- **Day 5 was otherwise comparatively quiet.** NDP incumbents **Sheila Malcolmson**, **George Anderson** and **Stephanie Higginson** confirmed re-election bids; no new party-leadership change, MLA switch or province-wide poll was identified.^{[5][7]}

What changed on Day 5

AREA	CONFIRMED / REPORTED DEVELOPMENT
Election admin.	ELECTIONS BC ACCEPTED The provincial candidate report generated September 26 at 8:00:05 p.m. listed eight complete nominations. It included NDP candidates Janet Routledge, Bowinn Ma, Niki Sharma, Adrian Dix and Spencer Chandra Herbert; Conservative Claire Rattée; Independent Jordan Kealy; and Monica Mohan. Elections BC notes that its report excludes public declarations until nomination paperwork is complete and accepted. ^[2]
Conservatives	CONFIRMED REPORTING Former leadership finalist Caroline Elliott will run in West Vancouver-Capilano , with incumbent Lynne Block moving to North Vancouver-Seymour. Doerkson told Canadian Press the party is preparing a campaign tour and platform announcements and intends to field candidates in all 93 ridings. ^{[3][4]}
NDP candidates	CONFIRMED ANNOUNCEMENTS Mid-Island NDP incumbents Sheila Malcolmson (Nanaimo-Gabriola Island), George Anderson (Nanaimo-Lantzville) and Stephanie Higginson (Ladysmith-Oceanside) announced they will seek re-election. ^[5]
Local overlap	CONFIRMED White Rock Mayor Megan Knight remains on the October 17 mayoral ballot while also being the Conservative candidate in Surrey South for October 24. The civic withdrawal deadline had already passed on September 18, so her name remains on both ballots even though she is no longer pursuing another mayoral term. ^[6]
CentreBC	No new Day 5 leadership or caucus change was identified. Canadian Press reporting continued to identify Elenore Sturko as CentreBC leader and Surrey South candidate; that candidacy was announced on Day 4, not Day 5. ^[3]
BC Greens	No new Day 5 leadership change or policy release was identified in the sources reviewed. The party's current candidate page continued to list its announced slate, headed by leader Emily Lowan in Saanich North and the Islands. ^[8]
OneBC	No new Day 5 caucus or leadership change was confirmed. OneBC's published candidate page continued to list Dallas Brodie , Brent Chapman , Warren Hamm and Jim McMurtry . ^[9]

Campaign framing at close of Day 5

- **NDP** - Day 5 activity was centred on confirming incumbents. No new province-wide NDP policy announcement was identified in the sources reviewed.^[5]
- **BC Conservatives** - Doerkson moved toward a more conventional campaign posture, saying a tour and platform announcements are being prepared while candidate placement continues.^{[3][4]}

- **BC Greens** - No new Day 5 policy or leadership announcement was identified; the party's published candidate list remained the principal current source for its slate.^[8]
- **CentreBC** - No new Day 5 structural change was confirmed. Sturko's Surrey South candidacy, announced the previous day, remains the party's most recent high-profile candidate move in the sources reviewed.^[3]
- **OneBC** - No comparable Day 5 candidate or leadership announcement was identified; its official page continued to show four named candidates.^[9]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE
OCT 1	Register or update voter information by this date to ensure a <i>Where to Vote</i> card is mailed. ^[1]
OCT 3	Provincial candidate nominations close at 1:00 p.m. Pacific . ^[1]
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting. ^[1]
OCT 17	General local elections across B.C. - a separate electoral event with separate voting administration. ^[10]
OCT 24	Final Voting Day for the provincial election. ^[1]

Polling: no new Day 5 release

No new province-wide voting-intention poll was identified on September 26. The latest remains the **Angus Reid Institute** release from September 24: **BC Conservatives 43%, NDP 35%, BC Greens 12%** among 682 decided and leaning respondents. The underlying online survey ran **September 22-24** among 801 B.C. adults; 20% were undecided overall.^[7]

Method caution: ARI says the sample was weighted to demographic benchmarks. Because it is an online panel, there is no formal probability-sample margin of error; ARI notes that a probability sample of 801 would be about **+/-3.5 points, 19 times out of 20**. The poll predates Day 5 candidate developments and should not be read as measuring reaction to them.^[7]

Provincial-local election overlap

Day 5 clarified one of the campaign's most concrete overlaps. **Megan Knight** will appear on White Rock's mayoral ballot on **October 17** and, as the Conservative candidate in Surrey South, on the provincial ballot on **October 24**. White Rock's civic candidate-withdrawal deadline was September 18. Provincial advance voting runs October 16-21, so local General Voting Day occurs inside the provincial advance-voting period. The two elections remain separately administered.^{[1][6][10]}

What to watch on Day 6

- Whether Elections BC's accepted-candidate report continues to expand rapidly as parties convert public announcements into completed nominations.
- The start and substance of the Conservative campaign tour and any platform announcements foreshadowed by Doerkson.
- Whether the NDP, Greens, CentreBC or OneBC add candidates or province-wide policy proposals after a relatively quiet Saturday.
- Any new poll with fieldwork extending beyond the first five campaign days.

Scope note: This is a factual public-source monitoring brief. It does not endorse, oppose, rank, score, predict, or recommend any party, leader, candidate, or electoral choice. Party-announced candidates are distinguished from Elections BC-accepted nominations where relevant.

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