

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 6 Brief

Campaign Day 6: Sunday, September 27 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 6 IN 30 SECONDS

- **BC Conservatives made their first major policy announcement of the campaign:** leader Lorne Doerkson pledged that a Conservative government would introduce no new taxes and would not raise existing taxes. ^{[3][4]}
- **Candidate movement continued:** Kevin Acton was appointed Conservative candidate in Vernon-Lumby while remaining on the October 17 Lumby mayoral ballot; the NDP nominated Carol Bourque in Prince George-Valemount. ^{[5][6]}
- **Election administration and polling were largely unchanged:** Elections BC's 7 p.m. candidate report still showed eight accepted nominations, and no newer province-wide poll was identified after the September 24 Angus Reid release. ^{[2][9]}

What changed on Day 6

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT
Election administration	Elections BC's candidate report generated at 7:00 p.m. on September 27 still listed eight complete nominations accepted by the agency. Party announcements remain separate from formal acceptance. Nominations close October 3 at 1 p.m. Pacific . ^{[1][2]}
BC Conservatives	At a Surrey campaign event, Lorne Doerkson pledged that a Conservative government would neither introduce new taxes nor increase existing ones. Independent reporting described it as the party's first policy announcement of the campaign. ^{[3][4]}
Conservative candidates	Kevin Acton , the serving mayor of Lumby, was officially appointed Conservative candidate for Vernon-Lumby on September 27. The party's candidate page confirms his provincial candidacy. ^[5]
BC NDP	The NDP nominated Carol Bourque , a longtime public-sector worker and former Northern Health health-information-management employee, in Prince George-Valemount . It is her first run for public office. ^[6]
CentreBC	No new leadership or caucus change was identified. Elenore Sturko said the party was putting the final touches on a platform focused on affordability and fiscal responsibility; no new platform document was identified by close of Day 6. ^[7]
Greens / OneBC	No confirmed leadership or caucus switch was identified on Day 6. The Greens continued public campaigning on Vancouver Island; the Green candidate page continued to list seven candidates. ^{[7][8]}

Campaign framing at close of Day 6

NDP	The party added Bourque in Prince George-Valemount and responded critically to the Conservative tax pledge. No separate new province-wide NDP policy launch was identified in the sources reviewed for Day 6. ^{[6][7]}
BC Conservatives	The party centered Day 6 on taxes and affordability, with Doerkson promising no new taxes or increases to existing taxes while continuing to expand its candidate roster. ^{[3][4][5]}
BC Greens	The Greens continued campaign activity on Vancouver Island under Emily Lowan; no new leadership change or province-wide policy announcement was identified on Day 6. ^{[7][8]}
CentreBC	Sturko continued to emphasize affordability and fiscal responsibility while saying the party's platform was nearing release. ^[7]
OneBC	No confirmed Day 6 leadership or caucus change was identified in the sources reviewed. The party remained part of the broader policy debate, but no new province-wide announcement was verified for inclusion here. ^[7]

Election clock

DATE	MILESTONE
SEP 30	Elections BC and district electoral offices are closed for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. ^[1]
OCT 1	Register or update voter information by this date to ensure a Where to Vote card is mailed. ^[1]
OCT 3	Provincial candidate nominations close at 1:00 p.m. Pacific . ^[1]
OCT 16-21	Provincial advance voting, generally 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time. ^[1]
OCT 17	General local elections across B.C. - a separate electoral event administered by local jurisdictions. ^[10]
OCT 24	Provincial Final Voting Day, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific. ^[1]

Polling: no new Day 6 release

The newest major province-wide survey identified remains the **Angus Reid Institute** poll released September 24. Among 682 decided and leaning respondents, it reported **BC Conservatives 43% and BC NDP 35%**. The full survey included 801 B.C. adults, and 20% were undecided about vote choice. ^[9]

Method caution. Fieldwork ran September 22-24 using an online panel. Angus Reid says the sample was weighted to census characteristics. Because it is a non-probability online sample, a conventional margin of error does not formally apply; Angus Reid states that a probability sample of 801 would have an approximate margin of error of +/-3.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The poll is a measurement from that fieldwork period, not a forecast. ^[9]

Provincial-local election overlap

Kevin Acton's Day 6 appointment creates another direct crossover between the two campaigns. Acton is the sitting mayor of Lumby and is seeking another mayoral term on **October 17**; he is now also the Conservative provincial candidate in Vernon-Lumby for the **October 24** election. The contests are separately administered, but voters in Lumby will encounter Acton's name in two elections one week apart. ^{[5][10]}

What to watch on Day 7

- Further detail on the Conservative no-new-tax pledge, including how it is integrated into the party's broader fiscal and economic platform.
- Whether the NDP answers the Conservative tax announcement with a new policy proposal or continues primarily through rebuttal.
- Candidate filings accepted by Elections BC as the October 3 nomination deadline approaches; the 7 p.m. Day 6 report still showed only eight accepted nominations. ^[2]
- Release of CentreBC's promised platform and further candidate announcements from CentreBC, the Greens, OneBC and the Conservatives.
- Any new province-wide poll with fieldwork extending beyond September 24.

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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