

B.C. Election 2026 - Day 7 Brief

Campaign Day 7: Monday, September 28 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 7 IN 30 SECONDS

- **Resource growth dominated:** Doerkson proposed doubling B.C. LNG production by 2032 and tripling it by 2035; Eby proposed doubling critical-mineral exports within five years and expanding Prince Rupert's port by 2030. ^{[3][4]}
- **Candidate churn accelerated:** Boulton is out in Penticton-Summerland; the NDP added Aman Singh and Todd Schierling, while the Greens unveiled Carolyn Howe in Victoria-Swan Lake. ^{[5][6][7][8]}
- **Elections BC's accepted-nomination list reached 24 by 7:00 p.m.** It showed 16 NDP, five Conservative, one Independent, one CWP and one unaffiliated candidate - still fewer than party-announced slates. ^[2]

What changed on Day 7

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT
Election administration	At 7:00 p.m. September 28, Elections BC listed 24 accepted nominations , up from eight at Day 6 close. Nominations close October 3 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific. ^{[1][2]}
BC Conservatives	Doerkson's Energy Superpower plan proposes doubling LNG production by 2032 and tripling it by 2035, with faster approvals, infrastructure measures, a royalty framework and expanded First Nations ownership. These are party proposals. ^{[3][4]}
BC NDP	In Prince Rupert, Eby proposed doubling critical-mineral exports within five years and expanding the port to become Canada's second-largest by 2030; he tied deficit reduction to growth and lower wasteful spending. ^[3]
Candidate movement	Amelia Boulton will not seek re-election in Penticton-Summerland. The NDP announced Aman Singh in Vancouver-Fraserview and Todd Schierling in Delta North. ^{[5][6][7]}
BC Greens	Lowman proposed restarting \$10-a-day child-care expansion and universal free care by 2031; the Greens also introduced Carolyn Howe in Victoria-Swan Lake. ^{[3][8]}
CentreBC / OneBC	No Day 7 leadership or caucus switch was verified for either party. OneBC's Warren Hamm remained announced in Penticton-Summerland; no new CentreBC platform release was identified by close. ^{[5][7]}

Campaign framing at close of Day 7

NDP	Resource exports, port capacity and growth led the message while the party filled open-seat nominations. ^{[3][6]}
BC Conservatives	The party paired its prior no-new-taxes pledge with an LNG-led growth plan; no balance timetable was set. ^{[3][4]}
BC Greens	Child-care affordability and capacity led the Green message, alongside Howe's Victoria-Swan Lake candidacy. ^{[3][8]}
CentreBC	No Day 7 leadership/caucus move or new platform release was verified; candidate-building continued.
OneBC	Boulton's withdrawal refocused Penticton-Summerland, where Warren Hamm remains publicly announced for OneBC. ^[5]



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. - separately 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 7 release

No newer province-wide public poll was identified by the close of Day 7. The latest remains the **Angus Reid Institute** survey released September 24: among 682 decided and leaning respondents, **BC Conservatives 43%, BC NDP 35% and BC Greens 12%**. The full survey included 801 B.C. adults and found 20% undecided about vote choice. ^[9]

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

Provincial-local election overlap

The calendar collision remains active: local General Voting Day on **October 17** falls inside provincial advance voting, October 16-21. Elections BC administers provincial voting and local campaign-finance rules, while local jurisdictions administer local voting. Boulton's Day 7 withdrawal also shifts one high-profile Okanagan politician out of the provincial contest; Castanet reports she is running for Penticton city council. ^{[5][10]}

What to watch on Day 8

- Costing and implementation detail for the NDP critical-minerals/Prince Rupert package and Conservative LNG plan.
- The NDP replacement in Penticton-Summerland and any further OneBC or Conservative move there.
- Candidate filings before the September 30 office closure and October 3 deadline; 24 nominations were accepted at 7:00 p.m. Day 7. ^[2]
- Any CentreBC platform release, OneBC expansion, or province-wide poll with fieldwork 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. Cut-off: approximately 8:15 p.m. Pacific on September 28, 2026.

Sources

^[1] **Elections BC.** 2026 Provincial Election - key dates (current; accessed Sept. 28).

^[2] **Elections BC.** Provincial Candidate List (report generated Sept. 28, 2026, 7:00:43 p.m.).

^[3] **The Canadian Press / AuroraToday.** Party leaders make economic, budget promises (Sept. 28, 7:44 p.m.).

^[4] **Conservative Party of British Columbia.** Make British Columbia an Energy Superpower (party proposal, Sept. 28).

^[5] **Castanet.** No re-election bid for Amelia Boulton (Sept. 28, 1:29 p.m.).

^[6] **The Canadian Press / CityNews.** B.C. campaign enters second week (Sept. 28; Aman Singh announcement).

^[7] **BCPoliTracker / linked local reporting.** Day 7 candidate tracker (Sept. 28; Todd Schierling/Delta North and candidate updates).

^[8] **Black Press coverage aggregated by Ground News.** BC Greens announce Howe and child-care plans (Sept. 28).

^[9] **Angus Reid Institute.** B.C. vote intention and methodology (released Sept. 24; fieldwork Sept. 22-24).

^[10] **Elections BC.** 2026 General Local Elections (current; accessed Sept. 28).