B.C. Election 2026 - Day 8 Brief

Campaign Day 8: Tuesday, September 29 | Final voting day: Saturday, October 24

DAY 8 IN 30 SECONDS

- **LNG Canada Phase 2 moved to final investment decision:** the $33-billion expansion will double Kitimat capacity to 28 million tonnes a year. The NDP highlighted the decision; Conservatives welcomed it while arguing for faster and broader energy development. [2][3][4][5]
- **Two new polls showed a close race:** Leger reported Conservatives 39%, NDP 36%; Liaison reported Conservatives 40%, NDP 39%. Their fieldwork ended before the September 29 LNG decision and same-day policy announcements. [7][9]
- **Campaign mechanics accelerated:** Elections BC had 64 accepted nominations by the evening; Conservatives filled Penticton-Summerland with Tracy St. Claire, while Greens, CentreBC and OneBC continued expanding their slates. [6][7]

What changed on Day 8

AREA	CONFIRMED DEVELOPMENT
LNG Canada / NDP	LNG Canada announced the **Phase 2 final investment decision** after the Day 7 cutoff. Federal reporting puts the private investment at **$33 billion**; capacity is planned to rise from 14 to 28 million tonnes annually. The BC NDP framed the decision as validation of its growth approach. The investment decision itself is a private-sector action, not a campaign promise. [2][3][4]
BC Conservatives	Doerkson pledged to **remove PST at the till on Canadian beer, wine and spirits** for the duration of the U.S. trade conflict. The party also welcomed LNG Canada Phase 2 while arguing B.C. should approve more energy projects more quickly. These are party positions and commitments. [5]
BC Greens	Emily Lowan released a renter plan including vacancy control, restarting the Community and Indigenous Housing Funds, ending blanket pet bans and expanding renter supports. The Greens also named **Sidney Coles** in Esquimalt-Colwood and **Andrew Appleton** in Oak Bay-Gordon Head. [6]
Candidates / admin.	By the evening of September 29, the live tracker recorded **64 Elections BC-accepted nominations**, up from 24 at Day 7 close. Conservatives named **Tracy St. Claire** in Penticton-Summerland after Amelia Boultbee withdrew on Day 7. Party-announced slates remain larger than Elections BC's accepted list. [1][7]
CentreBC / OneBC	No Day 8 leadership or MLA switch was verified. CentreBC added candidates including Reddy Rajwi; OneBC continued naming candidates. **Developing:** Dallas Brodie signalled selective non-competition against eight Conservative candidates, but the riding-by-riding strategy remained fluid as OneBC continued adding nominees. [7][8]
Polling	Two September 29 releases placed the major parties close: **Leger 39% Conservative / 36% NDP** and **Liaison 40% / 39%**. Both pre-date the day's late-breaking LNG and policy developments. [7][9]

Campaign framing at close of Day 8

BC NDP	Centred its Day 8 message on LNG Canada Phase 2 as evidence of investment and export growth; no separate major Day 8 platform plank was identified. [3][4]
BC Conservatives	Welcomed the LNG decision but argued B.C. needs more and faster approvals; added temporary PST relief for Canadian alcohol to its affordability/trade-war message. [5]
BC Greens	Led with renter protections and housing supply measures while expanding its South Island candidate slate. [6]
CentreBC	Continued candidate-building; no new Day 8 caucus change, leadership change or platform release was verified. [7]
OneBC	Expanded its slate while developing selective non-competes in some Conservative-held ridings; details remained fluid. [7][8]

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. [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: two fresh surveys, both close

Leger (fieldwork September 24-28; n=1,003; online) reported Conservatives 39%, NDP 36%, Greens 13%, CentreBC 5%, OneBC 5% and other 2%; the published summary reports a 3.1-point margin of error. **Liaison Strategies** (September 26-27; n=1,000; IVR random-digit dialling to landlines and cellphones) reported Conservatives 40%, NDP 39%, Greens 11%, CentreBC 4%, OneBC 3% and other 3%, with a reported margin of error of +/-3.1 points, 19 times out of 20. [7][9]

Method caution. The surveys use different collection modes and sample designs, so small differences should not be over-read. Reported margins are for the total samples and are larger for subgroups. Both field periods ended before September 29's LNG decision and same-day policy announcements; neither is a forecast. [7][9]

Provincial-local election overlap

A new operational concern surfaced in **Prince George on September 29**: local officials and candidates warned that October 17 is simultaneously local General Voting Day and a provincial advance-voting day, creating potential voter confusion, staffing pressure and longer lineups. The City is encouraging local advance voting; this is a Prince George report, not a province-wide Elections BC warning. Separately, new Green candidate **Andrew Appleton is a sitting Oak Bay councillor**, creating a direct candidate-level overlap between the provincial and local political spheres. [6][10]

What to watch on Day 9

- Whether OneBC's selective non-compete plan becomes a fixed riding list or changes as candidate recruitment continues.
- A BC NDP replacement in Penticton-Summerland and further nominations before the October 3 deadline; Elections BC offices are closed September 30. [1]
- Costing and implementation detail for the Conservative alcohol-PST pledge and the Green renter package.
- Any poll with fieldwork extending beyond September 29 and therefore capturing the LNG Canada decision and Day 8 policy announcements.

Scope note: 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 8:20 p.m. Pacific on September 29, 2026.

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[4] BC NDP. Party statement on LNG Canada Phase 2 (Sept. 29).

[5] Conservative Party of B.C. PST-on-Canadian-alcohol pledge and LNG Canada response (Sept. 29).

[6] BC Green Party. Renter-support plan; Coles and Appleton candidacies (Sept. 29).

[7] BCPoliTracker. Live campaign tracker - nominations, candidates and Leger poll (updated Sept. 29 evening).

[8] Fraser Valley News, with CTV/Canadian Elections Tracker files. OneBC selective non-compete report (Sept. 29).

[9] Liaison Strategies poll results and methodology, reported by Indo-Canadian Voice (Sept. 29; field Sept. 26-27).

[10] CKPG Today. Prince George provincial-local election overlap concerns (Sept. 29).