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ELECTIONS 2026 • SURREY

Locke Leads Surrey Mayor's Race at 24% in Leger Poll as One-Third of Voters Stay Undecided

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

A Leger poll released October 9 puts Brenda Locke of Surrey Connect at 24 per cent and Doug McCallum of the Safe Surrey Coalition at 12 per cent, with 34 per cent of voters still undecided.

Sixty-four per cent of respondents say it is time for a change at Surrey City Hall, and the cost of living ranks as the top municipal issue in the survey.

The poll lands one week before general voting day on Saturday, October 17. Advance voting is already open at locations across Surrey, and no new mayoral polls may be published on election day between 8 AM and 8 PM.

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7 DAYS TO ELECTION DAY

Surrey votes Saturday, October 17, 8 AM to 8 PM.

Advance voting is open now.

No new mayoral polls may be published on election day, 8 AM to 8 PM.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION • HEALTH

Eby Promises Surrey Primary-Care Expansion, Fast Track for Foreign-Trained Doctors

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

BC NDP Leader David Eby is promising more doctors and nurse practitioners for Surrey, new clinics, extended same-day hours, and a fast track for internationally trained medical graduates.

All details are BC NDP campaign claims. Voters head to the polls on October 24.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION • SENIORS

Conservatives Unveil Seniors Platform: Care Beds, Free Shingles Shots, Tax-Deferment Reversal

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

Unveiled in Coquitlam on October 9, the BC Conservative seniors platform promises to reverse NDP property-tax deferment changes and build more long-term-care beds.

It also offers free shingles vaccinations and help for low-income seniors to afford hearing aids.

ELECTIONS 2026 • SURREY

Starchuk Sets Four Conditions for Any AI Data Centre in Surrey, Challenges Rivals

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

Surrey mayoral candidate Mike Starchuk of Imagine Surrey says he would approve an AI data centre in Surrey only if it meets four conditions, and he has challenged his rivals to match the standard.

The October 8 announcement puts data-centre development, local jobs, and community protections on the municipal

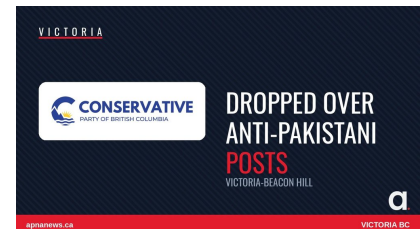
election agenda. Read the full list of conditions at apnanews.ca.

Data centres have become a campaign talking point as Surrey weighs technology jobs against energy use and neighbourhood impacts. General voting day is October 17, with advance voting open now.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION • VICTORIA-BEACON HILL

BC Conservatives Drop Candidate in Victoria-Beacon Hill Ahead of October 24 Vote

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

The BC Conservatives have removed their candidate, Agou, in Victoria-Beacon Hill ahead of the October 24 provincial election.

The Conservatives, led by Lorne Doerkson, are contesting the October 24 provincial vote across British Columbia's 93 ridings.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION • AFFORDABILITY

Eby Pledges Three-Year Freeze on Car Insurance Rates

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

BC NDP Leader David Eby is promising to freeze car insurance rates for three years, a pledge aimed at cost-of-living pressure on B.C. drivers.

The promise is a campaign commitment, not current policy. All details are BC NDP campaign claims.

A freeze would hold rates steady for three years if the NDP forms government after the October 24 provincial vote. ICBC is B.C.'s public auto insurer.

MORE HEADLINES

PUBLIC SAFETY • KEREMEOS

One Dead After Crash Near Keremeos Sends Vehicle into Similkameen River

By Apna News Editorial Team

One person is dead after a crash near Keremeos sent a vehicle into the Similkameen River. RCMP continue to investigate.

TRAVEL • B.C. BORDER

Some B.C. Border Crossings to Run Shorter Hours Starting in November

By Apna News Editorial Team

Some BC border crossings will run shorter hours starting in November, the CBSA says. Travellers should check crossing times before heading out.

PUBLIC SAFETY • VANCOUVER

VPD Warns Seniors After Distraction Theft in East Vancouver

By Apna News Editorial Team

Vancouver police are warning seniors after a distraction theft in East Vancouver. Officers say thieves work in pairs to target vulnerable victims.

ELECTIONS 2026 • GETTING TO THE POLLS

BC Transit Offers Free Rides on Election Day, But Not in Surrey

By Apna News Editorial Team



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BC Transit will offer free rides on Saturday, October 17, election day, but only on its transit systems outside Metro Vancouver.

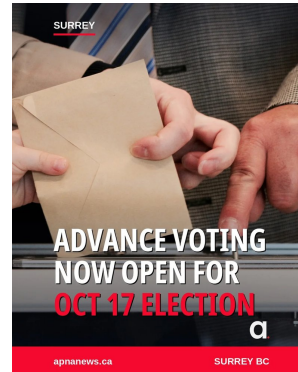
Surrey is served by TransLink, not BC Transit, so Surrey riders will pay fares as usual that day.

The free-ride program is meant to remove transportation barriers to voting in the communities BC Transit serves.

ELECTIONS 2026 • HOW TO VOTE

Advance Voting Now Open Across Surrey

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

Advance voting for Surrey's municipal election is now open ahead of general voting day on October 17.

Eligible voters can cast ballots early at locations across the city. Check the City of Surrey elections page for places and hours.

General voting day is Saturday, October 17, from 8 AM to 8 PM at voting places across the city.

ELECTIONS 2026 • COQUITLAM

Five Questions with Coquitlam Mayoral Candidate Trish Mandewo

By Apna News Editorial Team



Graphic: Apna News

Apna News asked Coquitlam mayoral candidate Trish Mandewo about her priorities ahead of the October 17 vote.

In the candidate questionnaire, she answers on growth, affordability, and public safety in the Tri-Cities. Read her full answers at apnanews.ca.

Coquitlam voters join municipalities across B.C. at the polls on October 17.

COMMUNITY • THANKSGIVING

Things to Do in Surrey This Thanksgiving Long Weekend

By Apna News Editorial Team



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Apna News rounds up things to do around Surrey this Thanksgiving long weekend, October 10 to 12.

Markets, fall festivals, and family events top the list. See the full guide at apnanews.ca before heading out.

Events run across the city on all three days of the long weekend.

YOUR CITY, YOUR VOTE

Surrey Election Day

Saturday, October 17

Polls open 8 AM to 8 PM

Advance voting open now

*No mayoral polls may be published
on election day, 8 AM to 8 PM.*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCT 14

BC leaders' debate, 6:15–8:00 PM PT. Watch on CBC, CPAC, City TV, CTV Vancouver, Global BC and CHEK.

OCT 17

Surrey Election Day. Vote 8 AM to 8 PM. BC Transit rides free (outside Metro Vancouver, not in Surrey).

OCT 24

BC provincial election. General voting day across British Columbia.

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