

GWA'SALA – 'NAKWAXDA'XW NATIONS 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PACKAGE

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GWA'SALA – 'NAKWAXDA'XW NATIONS 2024 GENERAL ELECTION -NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED-

Date: May 2024

Dear Nominee:

If you wish to be considered for candidacy, you must make sure that the following items are completed and submitted to the Electoral Officer no later than the following deadlines:

DEADLINE DATE: Wednesday May 22, 2024 by 8:00 PM (End of Nomination Meeting)

- ☐ Must provide a Criminal Record Check at the Nomination Meeting or demonstrate that you have applied for a Criminal Record Check;

DEADLINE DATE: Monday May 27, 2024 by 8:00 PM

- ☐ Candidate Acceptance & Declaration Form; and
- ☐ Provide a one-page biographical profile confirming your Cultural and Professional Training, educational and professional qualifications and other experiences.

If the above requirements are **not** received by the Electoral Officer by **May 27, 2024 at 8:00 PM**, your nomination as a candidate for the Gwa'sala – 'Nakwaxda'xw Nations 2024 Election will be deemed declined.

Please review the *Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'wx Nations Custom Election Code (2021)* for Candidate Eligibility and Election process regulations.

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ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

6.1 A Candidate for the office of Chief or Councillor must:

- (a) Have been properly nominated to be a Candidate pursuant to the Election Code;
- (b) Be the full age of 18 (eighteen) years or older on or before the day on which the Election is held;
- (c) Be a registered Band Member and have been a registered Band Member for a period of at least 12 (twelve) months immediately preceding the Election;
- (d) Not have outstanding criminal charges and, if convicted previously, must have completed the sentence prior to the date of the Election, unless proof of an official pardon is provided;
- (e) Must provide a Criminal Record Check at the Nomination Meeting or demonstrate they have applied for a Criminal Record Check;
- (f) Be in Good Financial Standing with GNN and GNN entities;
- (g) Have signed the Candidate Acceptance and Declaration Form;
- (h) Must live within GNN Territory or the Mount Waddington Regional District;
- (i) Agree that any travel to Council meetings will be the responsibility of the individual, if living off-reserve;
- (j) Have furthered their personal, Cultural and Professional Training and professional development through post-secondary studies, or other Professional Training or commit to take further training including governance, cultural and related training offered by GNN to Councillors;
- (k) Provide a one-page biographical profile confirming his or her Cultural and Professional Training, educational and professional qualifications and other experience; and
- (l) Have not violated the Election Code withing the last five (5) years.

6.2 A Candidate who is an existing Council Member and wishes to run for the Chief Councillor position must resign their position as a Council Member at the Nomination Meeting.

- (a) In order to be fair to Council members in both parts of the staggered election terms, a Councillor who resigns their Council seat to run for Chief will be on paid leave until the election date unless they are required to vote on a specific Council matter to achieve a quorum.
- (b) The seat of a Council member who resigns to run for Chief will be held open for them pending the election result.

Employees of GNN

6.3 An individual who is an employee or contractor of GNN is eligible to be a Candidate for the office of Chief or Councillor provided that their work does not place them in a conflict with their role as Chief or Councillor if elected.

- (a) A Chief or Councillor cannot be their own boss or work in a conflict of interest situation. If a Candidate is elected and risks being in a position where they are their own boss or in an employment or contracting conflict of interest, they must:
 - (i) resign their elected position;
 - (ii) resign or go on leave from their employment or contracting situation; or
 - (iii) work with Council and administration and follow GNN policies to move or redefine their employment or contract situation to remove any potential conflicts of interest.

Chief Councillor

6.4 A Candidate for the office of Chief Councillor can only let their name stand for one position as Chief Councillor and cannot be a candidate for both a Chief Councillor and Councillor position.

6.5 A Candidate who is an existing Council Member and wishes to run for the Chief Councillor position must resign their position as a Council Member after they have been nominated at the Nomination Meeting.

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CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE & DECLARATION FORM

Candidate's Name: _____

Registration/Status #: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I, _____, hereby **accept** my nomination
for the position of **Chief Councillor** or **Councillor** (circle one).

I solemnly affirm that I am eligible to stand as a candidate for the office of Chief Councillor or
Councillor pursuant to the Election Code.

I, _____, hereby **decline** my nomination
for the position of **Chief Councillor** or **Councillor** (circle one).

Candidate's Signature

Date

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CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL FORM

PLEASE NOTE FOR CANDIDATES WISHING TO WITHDRAW...

Candidates wishing to withdraw their candidature must do so pursuant to Section 13.1 of the *Gwa'sala – 'Nakwaxda'xw Nations Custom Election Code (2021)*. If you withdraw on or before May 28, 2024, your name will not appear on the Ballot.

In order to withdraw you must do so in writing, and you must sign your declaration to withdraw in the presence of the Electoral Officer or a Commissioner for Oaths. The properly completed document must be submitted to the Electoral Officer prior to the close of the Polls.

Print Your Legal Name

Band/ Status Number

Address where you are normally resident

Phone number and alternate contact, email address if available

I, _____ hereby withdraw my name
as a Candidate for the Office of **CHIEF / COUNCILLOR** (circle one) for the Gwa'sala
– 'Nakwaxda'xw General Election being held June 12, 2024.

Signature of Candidate

Date

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

Print Name of Witness

Phone Number

Signature of Electoral Officer or Commissioner for Oaths