

Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations

Notice of Nomination Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations has called elections for the purpose of electing four (4) Councillors for a 3 year term.

Nomination Meeting -- Mar 13, 2025 -- 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School - 182 Ba'as Rd, Port Hardy, BC

Any elector who cannot be at the Nomination Meeting can nominate an eligible member by completing the required Nomination Form and Voter Declaration Form. The forms are available from the Electoral Officer, Band Office, or at <https://www.gwanaknations.ca/>. The forms must be received by the Electoral Officer prior to the start of the nomination meeting.

A copy of the Voters List, the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations Custom Election Code and other election documents are posted at the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations Administration Office and at <https://www.gwanaknations.ca/> or may be requested from the Electoral Officer. **Candidate eligibility requirements may be found on the back side of this document.**

Nominees must submit their criminal record check or proof they have applied for a **criminal record check by the end of the Nomination Meeting**. Once nominated, nominees must also submit the following by March 18, 2025:

- a) A complete and signed Candidate Acceptance & Declaration Form
- b) A clearance letter from the GNN Finance Office confirming Financial Good Standing
- c) A one-page biographical profile confirming their Cultural and Professional Training, educational and professional qualifications and other experience.

Election Day -- April 2, 2025 -- 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

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Eligible members may vote in person at the polling station noted above, online or in some cases, by proxy.



Electoral Officer

Given under my hand at Vancouver, this 26th day of
February, 2025

Please contact the electoral officer anytime for assistance with anything about the election process:

Electoral Officer: Ron Laufer
Mobile: 1-833-443-VOTE (8683)

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Eligibility Criteria for Office - Section 6 of the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations Custom Election Code

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

- a) Have been properly nominated to be a Candidate pursuant to this 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 s/he provide proof of an official pardon;
- 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 attached as Appendix 'D';
- h) In order to be connected to GNN Territory and not to generate significant travel expenses for GNN, live within GNN Territory or the Mount Waddington Regional District;
- i) Agree that any travel to Council meetings will be the responsibility of individual, if they live 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) Be nominated for one position on Council, either Chief Councillor or Councillor, not both;
- l) Provide a one-page biographical profile confirming his or her Cultural and Professional Training, educational and professional qualifications and other experience; and
- m) Not have violated this Election Code within 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.