



**Date: February 11, 2013**  
**To: Squamish Nation Membership**  
**From: Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council**  
**Re: Squamish Nation Membership Code – Bulletin #7**

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The attached package provides information for Squamish Nation membership regarding the Federal Government’s Bill C-3, and the upcoming vote on April 4, 2013, regarding potential amendments to the Squamish Nation Membership Code.

In this package you will find the following:

- Membership Code 2013 – Community Update, **Bulletin #7** – Voting Procedures

Please take time to review these important materials and join us at the next Squamish Nation Membership Meetings, which will take place on:

- **Date:** February 19 (Tuesday)  
**Time:** 6:00-9:00PM  
**Location:** Chief Joe Mathias Centre, 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver, BC

Pick Up Schedule Courtesy of Chief Joe Mathias Centre & Registry (Land & Membership) Department	
Seymour IR Mailboxes	5:00 pm
Mission Road & 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	5:20 pm
Eslha7an LC	5:30 pm
Jacobs & Jacobs	5:45 pm
Mathias Road	5:50pm
Ikwikws Road	5:55pm



- Date: February 21 (Thursday)
- Time: 6:00-9:00PM
- Location: Totem Hall, 1380 Stawamus Road, Squamish, BC

Pick Up Schedule Courtesy of Chief Joe Mathias Centre & Registry (Land & Membership) Department	
Cheekeye	5:00 pm
Brackendale	5:15 pm
Kowtain	5:25 pm
North Yards	5:35 pm
Stawamus	5:50pm

If you have any questions or concerns about these materials or the Federal Government's Bill C-3, please contact:

The Registry Department:

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the vote on April 4, 2013, please contact



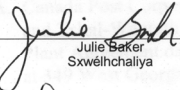
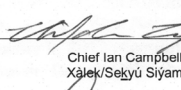
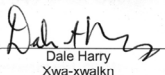
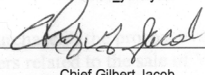
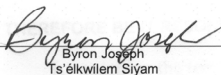
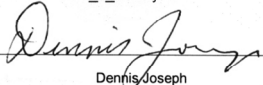
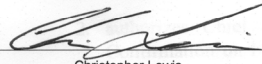
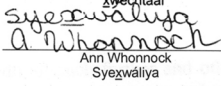
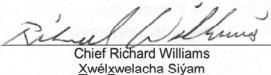
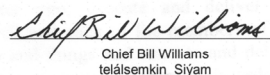
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Sincerely,  
SQUAMISH NATION  
Chiefs & Council

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# Voting Procedures

Potential Amendments to the Squamish Nation Membership Code

Please note: This bulletin explains the options for Squamish Nation members of voting age in the upcoming vote on April 4, 2013.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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**Membership Bill C-3  
Bulletin #7  
Voting Procedures - Potential Amendments to the Squamish Nation Membership Code**

This bulletin explains options for the participation of Squamish Nation members in the upcoming vote on April 4, 2013, regarding potential amendments to the Squamish Nation Membership Code.

In order to approve the amendments to the Code, a majority (50% +1) of eligible voters must vote yes. This means that of 2625 eligible voters, 1314 must vote yes. However, it is important to note that we have four (4) separate questions (although Ballot Question number 2 has two parts) that will be considered by membership in April 2013. If one of the questions fails, it doesn't affect the others.

Presently we have a high threshold, and this is why we are always looking for innovative ways to encourage our people to vote - our message to all membership is to participate and vote, and encourage others, including our youth, to do so as well.

**Voting Options**

Squamish Nation members of voting age (18 years of age and older) have three options to cast their ballot (**however, individuals may only vote once**):

- 1) in-person
- 2) mail-in
- 3) electronic (online) vote

Following is a description of each of these voting procedures. Please note that the in-person and mail-in procedures are the standard Squamish Nation voting procedures. This year, the Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council have approved the use of secure electronic (online) voting.

**In-Person**

**Timing - General in-person voting will take place Thursday, April 4, 2013, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at:**

- **Totem Hall** – located at 1380 Stawamus Road, Squamish, B.C.; and
- **Chief Joe Mathias Centre** – located at 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver, B.C.

We request that eligible voters bring identification, however, if a voter does not have identification, they must know their Band number in order to vote in-person.



### **By Mail**

**Timing** - Mail-in ballot packages will be delivered at least 30 days before general voting day to all off-reserve eligible voters whose address is on file with the Squamish Nation. ***Valid mail-in ballots will be counted if an eligible voter's mail-in ballot is received by the Chief Referendum Officer on or before general voting day.***

Any eligible voter, **including those living on-reserve**, may vote by mail-in ballot. Contact the Chief Referendum Officer if you do not receive a mail-in ballot package and would like to be provided with one.

### **Electronic (Online) Vote**

We are excited to announce that Squamish Nation voters will be able to cast their ballots by electronic (online) voting if they wish.

**Timing – Voting by electronic (online) voting is permitted starting March 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and ending March 27, 2013 at midnight (PST).** Electronic (online) voting packages and PIN numbers (required to authenticate each voter) will be delivered at least 30 days before general voting day to all eligible voters whose address is on file with the Squamish Nation. Whether you live on- or off-reserve, if you wish to vote by electronic (online) voting, your current address must be provided to Crystal Paull, Chief Referendum Officer, before February 24, 2013.

The Registry Department has carefully researched the security and integrity of the electronic (online) voting system, and can assure membership that confidentiality and anonymity are cornerstones of the system. Multiple votes by any individual is strictly prohibited using any method of voting. Further, an independent party will serve as the auditor of the electronic (online) voting process, ensuring the security and integrity of the system.

Eligible Squamish Nation voters who prefer to use this system will also have access to a toll-free help line that will be available to assist with any questions you might have regarding the electronic voting process. This service will operate from 1:00pm until 9:00pm (PST) during the electronic (online) voting days, however, on March 27<sup>th</sup>, the help line will remain open until midnight (PST).

Please visit the Squamish Nation website ([www.squamish.net](http://www.squamish.net)) regularly for updates about this and other issues related to the April 4, 2013 vote, including an upcoming video with step-by-step explanations regarding the voting procedures.

