

ELECTION COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION

The Squamish Nation is governed by a democratically elected Council on a four-year term. The rules governing the elections for this Council are the 1981 Squamish Indian Band Election Regulations.

Since their creation, the 1981 Election Regulations have not had a single change or update. In September 2015, the elected Squamish Chiefs & Council approved the creation of the Squamish Nation Election Commission as an arms-length body of members to assist the Squamish People in exploring the topic of election reform.

About:

A commission sometimes defined as “a group of people officially charged with a particular function”.

The Squamish Nation Election Commission (hereon referred to as ‘the Election Commission’) is a group of Squamish Nation members asked to listen to the Squamish Nation membership about what changes do the Squamish People want with the election procedures.

The Electoral Commission is made up of seven (7) voting members, two (2) alternates, and one (1) non-voting member. The members chosen for the Election Commission were asked to fill specific seats representing a particular region or demographic of the Squamish Nation community.

Connection With Us!

The Election Commission welcomes all feedback, comments, and ideas from the Squamish Nation membership. If you would like to hear more about the Election Commissions activities or past work, visit our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram) or email the Election Commission at election_commissions@squamish.net.

The Election Commission:

Elder: Dave Jacobs

Squamish Valley: Christine Baker

Xwmeł'chtstn: Crystal Paull

Eshhá7an & Ch'ich'ílxiw'kw'

(Mission & Seymour): Clarissa Antone

Off-Reserve: Jacob Lewis & Donalene Rapada

Youth: Shayla Jacobs

General Alternate: Renee Campbell

Youth Alternate: Brittany John

The Election Commission has been selected by the Squamish Nation Chiefs & Council to lead the discussions around changes to the election process. The purpose of this structure is to ensure the process is being lead by Membership at arms-length from the political Council. Over the next year, the Commission will be meeting with Squamish members, groups, families, and regions to hear all ideas for changes to the Squamish Nation election laws, procedures, and/or regulations.

Any changes to the Squamish Nation election laws, procedures, and regulations will be done by the people through a referendum vote at a to be determined date.

TOPICS OF ROUND TABLES:

→ **COUNCIL SIZE**

→ **TERM LENGTH**

→ **COUNCIL/
EMPLOYEE ROLES**

→ **AND MORE!**

ELECTION REFORM ROUND TABLES

The Squamish Nation Election Commission invites Squamish Nation members to the first series of Round Tables. The Election Commission wants to hear from Squamish Nation members on what their thoughts, ideas, or solutions are with election reform.

The Election Commission plans to host 20-25 round tables. These are just the first round of scheduled meetings. Round tables are a chance for 15-20 members to have an open discussion on a set of topics to give feedback, create dialogue, discuss ideas among neighbors and families.

Sign up to attend one of the following round tables to give us your input on what could be the changes.

Sign up for any of the following:

Feb 27th, 2016 | 2pm-3:30pm
CJMC

Feb 29th, 2016 | 7:30pm-9:00pm
CJMC

March 1st, 2016 | 7:30pm-9:00pm
Seymour Band Office

March 2nd, 2016 | 7:30pm-9:00pm
Eslha7an Learning Centre

March 16th, 2016 | 11:30am-2:00pm
North Vancouver Elders Luncheon

To register for a round table, contact
Registry at (604)982-8607.