



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, OCTOBER 3
at Chief Joe Mathias Centre
from 6pm to 9pm

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 27
at Totem Hall
from 6pm to 9pm

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU TO
review the SQUAMISH NATION Election
and Referendum Law Draft

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session on Thursday, October 11:

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It's time for the Squamish People to ratify our first law - the People's Law. The *Election and Referendum Law* formed by the opinions and needs of Squamish Nation Citizens. Law formed by a commission, by surveys, by round tables, family meetings and formed by a Nation referendum. ***A Squamish Nation law to state how future laws will be made.***

Codes are colonial, they are procedures we are allowed to implement outside of INAC rule.

In 1981, we decided we needed Election Regulations so we created them. In June 1987, we voted on our first Membership Code and then we amended it in July 2000 and April 2013.

It's 2018, it's time to make our first Squamish Nation Law through a VOTE on DEC. 6, 2018.

The Timeline

Since November 2015, the Electoral Commission worked to “oversee the development of, and amendments to, the Election and Referendum Law” which included “consultation with Squamish members on the development of, and amendments to, the Election and Referendum Law.”

The goal was to achieve Membership’s desire of Election Reform -- to amend and update the Squamish Nation’s outdated 1981 election rules.

The Electoral Commission:

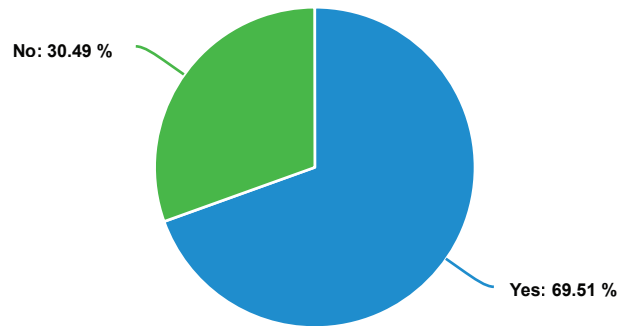
- Hosted 42 meetings with Membership. Talking and hearing from approximately 500 members.
- Held 43 Electoral Commission meetings to review notes, comments, and feedback collected at consultation meetings, and used these to write the draft Election & Referendum Law.
- Hosted 16 family dinners in May and June 2017 to present on the draft Election Law
- Conducted a survey in Winter 2016 with 161 respondents.
- Sent out 6 summary reports.
- Produced a 55-page draft Election & Referendum Law entirely based on input from Members.

On April 18th, 2018, the Electoral Commission presented a new Terms of Reference and Work Plan to Squamish Nation Council resulting in approval to proceed with producing a draft document, written by Membership, that would be put to a referendum vote by Membership.

TWO of THIRTY-NINE Questions asked of 271 Members at

Family Dinner Meetings in 2017:

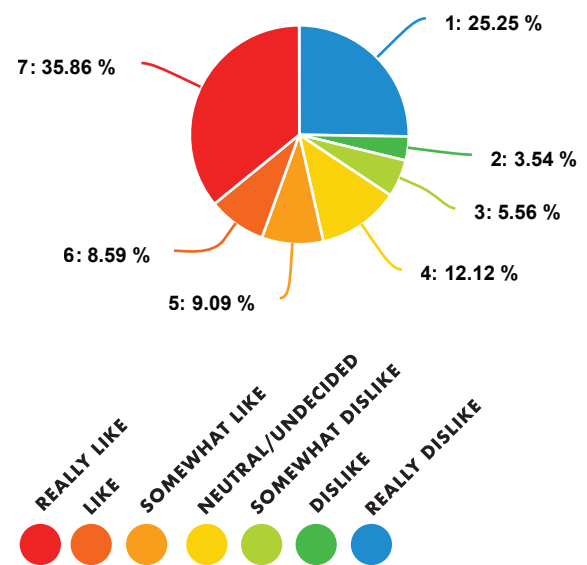
39. a. Do you want to see a change in the size of Council (16)? (If you selected no, skip questions 65 (b) and (c).)



39. b. If you want to see a change in size in Council, what do you think the size should be?

(5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were written in, but 8 was written in the most with 68 entries.)

39. c. Members told the Election Commission in the surveys and round tables that “eight” Councilors was their preferred option to switch to. How much do you like or dislike “Eight” as the option for the Council size be changed to?



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A law for our Membership, by our Members.