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Squamish Nation

# VOTE ON MAY 31

## Changes to Our Election and Referendum Law

### The Process:





# HOW TO VOTE

## How to Confirm You're Registered to Vote:

- You're eligible to vote if you're a Squamish Member and 18+
- You can confirm you're registered to vote by checking the voters list posted at Chief Joe Mathias Centre and Totem Hall
- You can also register on Voting Day at a polling station: just bring your picture ID and proof of address.

## Our Voting Methods:

Voting Packages will be sent on May 1 by email and post from Chief Electoral Officer, One Feather. You will be able to vote by:

- Mail-in Ballot
- Online May 17-31, [www.onefeather.ca/nations/squamish](http://www.onefeather.ca/nations/squamish)
- In person on May 31

## Mail-in Ballot?

To request your mail-in ballot from One Feather, contact

- [voterhelp@onefeather.ca](mailto:voterhelp@onefeather.ca)
- Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006

Canada Post may strike in late May. We encourage voters to vote online.

If you are voting by mail, One Feather must receive your ballot by May 31

Contact us, the Member Services team and Monica Jacobs with your questions about voting.

**Phone** 604-982-7610

**Email** [membership@squamish.net](mailto:membership@squamish.net)

**Website** [squamish.net/notice-of-referendum/](http://squamish.net/notice-of-referendum/)

**Watch for your Voter Package from One Feather being sent on May 1**



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# SURVEY RESULTS

**226** MEMBERS  
RESPONDED

**20%** RESPONDENTS LIVE IN  
SQUAMISH VALLEY

**62%** RESPONDENTS LIVE IN  
NORTH/WEST VAN

**18%** RESPONDENTS LIVE  
OFF RESERVE

**47%**

Jr. Elder/Elder

**48%**

Adult

**5%**

Young Adult

**HAVE YOUR SAY  
IN SQUAMISH NATION GOVERNANCE**

**VOTE ONLINE MAY 17-31  
[WWW.ONEFEATHER.CA/NATIONS/SQUAMISH](http://WWW.ONEFEATHER.CA/NATIONS/SQUAMISH)**

**VOTE IN PERSON MAY 31**

The Electoral Commission  
would like to thank everyone  
for their input throughout  
the consultations and this Survey.

Congratulations Survey Prize Draw Winners!  
Kyla Peters, Angie Schorneck, Sandra Lafontaine

# SURVEY RESULTS

## 1. Change the number of Councillors?

- 61%: Yes, change the number of Councillors to sixteen (16)
- 16%: No, keep the current number of Councillors at eight (8)
- 23% asked for other numbers: top suggestion 10-12

## 2. Change from 3 ridings to a General Election?

- 85%: Yes, amend the Law to remove the regional seats and allow all eligible voters the ability to vote for all seats on Council
- 15%: No, keep the Law as it is with the three dedicated seats on Council for a North Shore Councillor, a Squamish Valley Councillor and a Regional Councillor.

## 3. Should we allow the Council to choose its Chairperson, or should eligible voters choose the Chairperson by General Election?

- 55% Yes, amend the law so the Council Chairperson is chosen only by the members of Council
- 45% No, keep the Law as it is with all eligible voters being able to vote for Council Chairperson.

## 4A. Limit the number of immediate family members eligible for council, or keep with no limits?

- 90% Yes, amend the Law to restrict the number of immediate family members eligible to be on Council
- 10% No, keep the Law as it is with no restriction on the number of immediate family members eligible to be on Council

## 4B. If we limit the number of immediate family members, should we set a number of allowable immediate family members to 1, 2, or more, who can run for Council?

- 60% Only one (1) person from an "immediate family" should be eligible to be on Council
- 35% Only two (2) persons from an "immediate family" should be eligible on Council
- 5% Only \_\_\_ persons from an "immediate family" should be eligible to be on Council.

## 4C. Should we change our definition of "immediate family"?

- 62% Yes, amend the Law so "immediate family" only includes the mother or father, spouse, brother, sister, son or daughter of a candidate
- 38% No, keep the Law as it is with "immediate family" defined as the mother or father, spouse, brother, sister, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild of a candidate

## 5. Should we change the amount of time members or Elders can speak at a People's Assembly?

- 56% Yes, amend the Law to allow a member to speak for up to five (5) minutes
- 26% Yes, amend the Law to allow only Elders to speak for up to five (5) minutes
- 18% No, keep the Law as it is with all members limited to two (2) minutes