Squamish Nation ELECTORAL COMMISSION



June 2, 2025

Ha7lh skwáyel Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, Members, family and community,

We are very pleased to announce that we had a total of 899 voters for this referendum, historically this is a very good turnout. Our Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw voted online and in person at both Chief Joe Mathias Centre and Totem Hall.

Your strong turnout gives us clear direction for a 16-member council with a chairperson elected by the people. Voters chose a limit of one immediate family member to be on council and the current definition of immediate family from the Election and Referendum Law remains the same. You chose to remove dedicated regions so that voters can vote for all councillors, and a 5-minute speaking limit was set for people's assemblies.

Changes passed from the May 31, 2025, referendum will be implemented and effective for Squamish Nation Council Elections on September 28, 2025. We're looking forward to seeing potential candidates announce their nominations to represent the Squamish Nation People for the next 4 years.

Packages for candidates will be ready for pick up at the Membership Office and Totem Hall by June 4, 2025. Packages will be available to download online shortly thereafter.

For all the information on this Referendum, go to https://www.squamish.net/governance/electoral-commission/

For information on the Council Election and to download the Candidates' Nomination Package, go to https://www.squamish.net/governance/general-election/

Squamish Nation people have shown that they want solid changes for our nation and for our future generations. On behalf of the Electoral Commission, we hold our hands up to each and every one of you that came out to vote for these historic changes.

Every vote counts in our Nation and every vote makes a difference.

Chen kw'enman-túmi,

Donalene Rapada, Electoral Commission Chairperson