

SNUNEYMUXW NATION

Notice of Nomination Meeting for Chief and Five (5) Councillors

The election for Chief and five (5) Councillors will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017. There will be an advance vote on the Saturday before that on November 25. The poll will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on both days. Eligible electors may vote in person or by mail. **On reserve electors who will not be able to vote in person on either of these days should contact the electoral officer as soon as possible to request a mail-in ballot. Please make sure the membership clerk has your current address.**

The nomination meeting to nominate candidates for the election will be held on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017** at the SFN Administration Building at 668 Centre Street, Nanaimo, BC **between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**

If you will be 18 years of age on or before the date of the election (2 December 2017) and are a registered member of the Snuneymuxw Nation, you are eligible to nominate candidates, to be a candidate, and to vote in this election.

A Notice of Nomination Meeting has been mailed out to all electors who live off reserve, along with a nomination and voter declaration form. A stamped and addressed return envelope is enclosed so electors can return the nomination form. Please make sure you sign the form in both places, and also make sure you have the form witnessed and signed by the witness. The witness can be anyone who is 18 years old or older.

Electors may also nominate candidates in person at the nomination meeting. **Whether you nominate by mail or in person, please include the contact information of the person you are nominating so the electoral officer can communicate with the candidate.**

If you are interested in being a candidate, it would be a good idea to get your criminal record check done as soon as possible since it is required for the electoral officer to put your name on the ballot. Any nominee with a criminal conviction within the past 5 years is not eligible to hold office.

Candidates will need to sign an acceptance or withdrawal form and submit it to the electoral officer **within three (3) days of the nomination meeting.**

Candidates may drop off their signed form and criminal record check at the SFN office, **PROVIDED THEY ARE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, by the close of business on Friday, 27 October 2017.** Alternatively, they can scan and email them to the electoral officer by that same time.

For more information, please contact the electoral officer, Maggie Paquet, at 250-723-8802 (Port Alberni), toll-free at 1-855-586-8683, or by email at maggie_paquet@telus.net.