

MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND

2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

**Musqueam Indian Band is Changing its Election System
What Voters Need to Know.**

Please read ALL the attached information carefully.

The election of the Chief and Councillors of the Musqueam Indian Band used to be held under the *Indian Act* election system. But the next election will be held under the *First Nations Elections Act*.

What is the *First Nations Elections Act*?

The *First Nations Elections Act* is a law that offers new and improved rules for elections. It was developed in consultation with First Nations organizations in different parts of Canada. The law is optional. Musqueam Indian Band Chief and Council see many benefits to elections being held under this new system and have made a choice to move to it.

Highlights - Key Changes for the next Election

- ✓ The term of office for Chief and Councillors elected at this election will be 4 years.
- ✓ All persons wishing to be a candidate for chief must pay a \$100 fee, and all persons wishing to be a candidate for councillor must pay a fee of \$100.
- ✓ To become a candidate, all persons who have been nominated must sign a candidate acceptance form and pay the appropriate fee. If the Electoral Officer does not have the signed form and the fee by 6 p.m. on the third day following the nomination meeting, the nominee is not a candidate and will not appear on the ballot.
- ✓ Mail-in ballots will no longer be automatically sent out to all off-reserve electors. Anyone who wants a mail-in ballot will have to fill in a form asking for one and send it to the Electoral Officer, who must receive it no later than the 6th day before the election. The form must be accompanied by one piece of identification that proves who the person is (like a status card, a driver's licence or a health card).

For more information:

If you would like to read more about the *First Nations Elections Act*, INAC's website has information at www.aandc.gc.ca/elections

THE NEXT ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSQUEAM COMMUNITY CENTRE GYMNASIUM (6777 SALISH DRIVE VANCOUVER, BC V6N 4C4) ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2016 FROM 9:00AM TO 8:00PM.

For more information or assistance, please contact Lawrence Lewis, Electoral Officer

Ph: **250 889-1582** TF: **1-855-458-5888** Fax: **250 384-5416** Email: **lewis.l@telus.net**
PO Box 35008 Hillside, Victoria, BC V8T 5G2

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REQUEST FOR MAIL IN BALLOT/VOTING PACKAGE

INFORMATION FOR THE ELECTOR:

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If you wish to vote by mail-in ballot, you must complete this form and send it to the Electoral Officer by mail, fax or e-mail. The information appears below.

YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE A COPY OF PROOF OF IDENTITY, SUCH AS A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS, DRIVERS LICENSE, HEALTH CARD, OR ANOTHER DOCUMENT THAT PROVES YOUR IDENTITY. DO NOT PROVIDE THE ORIGINAL IDENTIFICATION.

The elector is responsible for ensuring they request their mail-in voting package in a timely manner to ensure it can be received by you and returned via regular post and received by the Electoral Officer on or before November 30th, 2016.

Submit your request to: Lawrence Lewis, Electoral Officer

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I, _____, _____ am a qualified elector
(name of elector) (band number)
of the First Nation and do hereby request that a mail-in ballot package be sent to me at

Address Municipality Province Postal code

Telephone: (____) ____ - ____ E-mail: _____

For use by the Electoral Officer only

Request received on:

Mail-in Ballot sent on:

Type of identification:

MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING
Notice pursuant to the First Nations Elections Act

NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Eligible Electors of the Musqueam Indian Band, will be held in the MUSQUEAM COMMUNITY CENTRE GYMNASIUM (6777 SALISH DRIVE VANCOUVER, BC V6N 4C4) ON OCTOBER 18TH, 2016 BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM AND LASTING FOR AT LEAST THREE HOURS, for the purpose of nominating candidates for positions one (1) Chief and ten (10) Councillors for the next ensuing term.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES:

- 1. Any elector may nominate candidates by delivering or sending by mail, email or fax to the Electoral Officer a completed, signed and witnessed nomination and voter declaration form to the Electoral Officer before the time set for the nomination meeting, OR by making a nomination orally at the nomination meeting.
2. Under the First Nations Elections Act, an elector must not nominate more than one candidate for the position of chief and no more candidates for the position of Councillor as there are Councillor positions available for election.
3. The Council of the Musqueam Indian Band has set out a candidate fee in the amount of \$100.00 for the position of Chief and \$100.00 for the position of Councillor.
4. Under the First Nations Elections Act, a nominee does not become a candidate until they deliver to the Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer, by 6 p.m. on October 21st, 2016 a signed Candidate Declaration form, which can be obtained from the Electoral Officer. The candidate fee for the relevant position must be received by this time as well, in the form of cash, certified cheque money order or electronic transfer payable to the Electoral Officer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION:

- 1. The election will be held at the Musqueam Community Centre Gymnasium (6777 Salish Drive Vancouver, BC V6N 4C4) on November 30th, 2016 from 9:00AM to 8:00PM.
2. There is no Advance Poll for this election.
3. Any elector may vote by mail-in ballot by submitting a Request for Mail-in Ballot Form, which can be obtained from the Electoral Officer, along with a copy of identification, prior to November 30th. The elector is responsible for ensuring they request their mail-in voting package in a timely manner to ensure it can be received and returned via regular post and received by the Electoral Officer on or before November 30th, 2016.
4. Any elector may permit the electoral officer to release their name to the candidates.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 22nd day of August, 2016.

[Signature]
Lawrence Lewis, Electoral Officer

For more information, please contact Lawrence Lewis, Electoral Officer
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If you want your name and address to be given to candidates at this election for the purpose of communicating with you, please check the statement below, print and sign your name, detach this form at the dotted line and return the bottom portion to the Electoral Officer.
[] I authorize that my name and address be give to candidates at this election.

Print Name Date of Birth Signature
Address City/Town/First Nation Province Postal code

MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND NOTICE OF ELECTION & NOMINATION MEETING

Notice pursuant to the First Nations Elections Act

Notice is hereby given that **Musqueam Indian Band** has called an Election in accordance with the ***First Nations Election Act***, for the purpose of electing one (1) Chief and ten (10) Councillors on November 30, 2016 for the next ensuing Term of Office.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSQUEAM COMMUNITY CENTRE GYMNASIUM (6777 SALISH DRIVE VANCOUVER, BC V6N 4C4) ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2016 FROM 9:00AM TO 8:00PM.

NOTICE OF VOTING PLACE

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

**Musqueam Community
Centre Gymnasium**

**6777 Salish Drive
Vancouver, BC V6N 4C4**

Any elector may vote by mail-in ballot by submitting a *Request for Mail-in Ballot Form*, which can be obtained from the electoral officer, along with a copy of identification, prior to November 30th. The elector is responsible for ensuring they request their mail-in voting package in a timely manner to ensure it can be received by you, and returned via regular post and received by the Electoral Officer on or before November 30th, 2016.

All ballots cast at this election will be counted at the Musqueam Community Gymnasium immediately following the close of the poll on November 30th, 2016.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of August, 2016.



Lawrence Lewis, Electoral Officer

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MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION/SECOND DECLARATION

I _____ (please print clearly) swear and affirm that I am a registered Elector of the Musqueam Indian Band pursuant the *First Nations Elections Act*, and **WITH REGARD TO THIS ELECTION** I make the following Nomination(s) and/or Second(s).

Nominator Signature

Date

Phone

eMail

NOMINATION OR SECOND FOR OFFICE OF CHIEF

1. PRINT NAME CLEARLY

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

NOMINATION OR SECOND FOR OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

1 PRINT NAME CLEARLY

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

2 PRINT NAME CLEARLY

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PHONE NUMBER:

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10 PRINT NAME CLEARLY

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

ELECTORS MAY USE THIS FORM FOR EITHER NOMINATING OR SECONDING.

A nomination may be made by *Nomination Form & MFN Elector Declaration Form* (don't forget this document) properly completed, signed and Witnessed, AND submitted to the Electoral Officer prior to the start of the Nomination Meeting or in person at the Nomination Meeting.

LAWRENCE LEWIS, ELECTORAL OFFICER

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MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND ELECTOR DECLARATION FORM

YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY – INCOMPLETE FORMS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ELECTOR DECLARATION

I solemnly declare that I am an eligible Elector of the Musqueam Indian Band pursuant to the *First Nations Election Act*, at the address listed below and that I am at least 18 years of age AND that I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath. I understand that it is an offence to make a false statement in this declaration.

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Registry Number (Status No.):

Street Address:

City/Town:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

X.

Date:

Elector Signature

WITNESS DECLARATION

I swear and affirm that I personally know and have witnessed the signature above.

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Street Address:

City/Town:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:

X.

Date:

Witness Signature

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