

ELECTIONS 2015



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Overview

- Treaty conveyed self governance rights
- Elections every 4 years
- Governed by
 - Constitution
 - Laws – e.g. Election Act
 - Regulations
- Established Government
 - Chief Councillor & 5 Councillors
- Voting age – 18+



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Election Commissioner

- Appointed according to Election Act
- Independent, unbiased, expert
- Don't make the rules; implement your rules
- Loyal to law & election principles, not to any person or office
- Ensure that everyone who has the right to vote can and is not prevented from voting
- Ensure that no one votes who does not have the right
- Conduct an open and transparent election so that you are confident in the end result



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Who Can Vote

- Huu-ay-aht citizens 18+ on Election Day (June 20)
- Voters list prepared & open to inspection
- Deadline for corrections – May 18
- Corrections on the prescribed form
- List provided to candidates for purposes of campaign
- You can ask to have your contact information hidden

Candidates

- Any voter can be a candidate
- Can run for both offices at the same time
- Nomination period May 4 – 14 at noon
- Notice has been posted along with nomination pkg
- Need:
 - Signatures of 10 eligible voters
 - Colour photo
 - Signed solemn declaration
 - Criminal record check done in the last 90 days

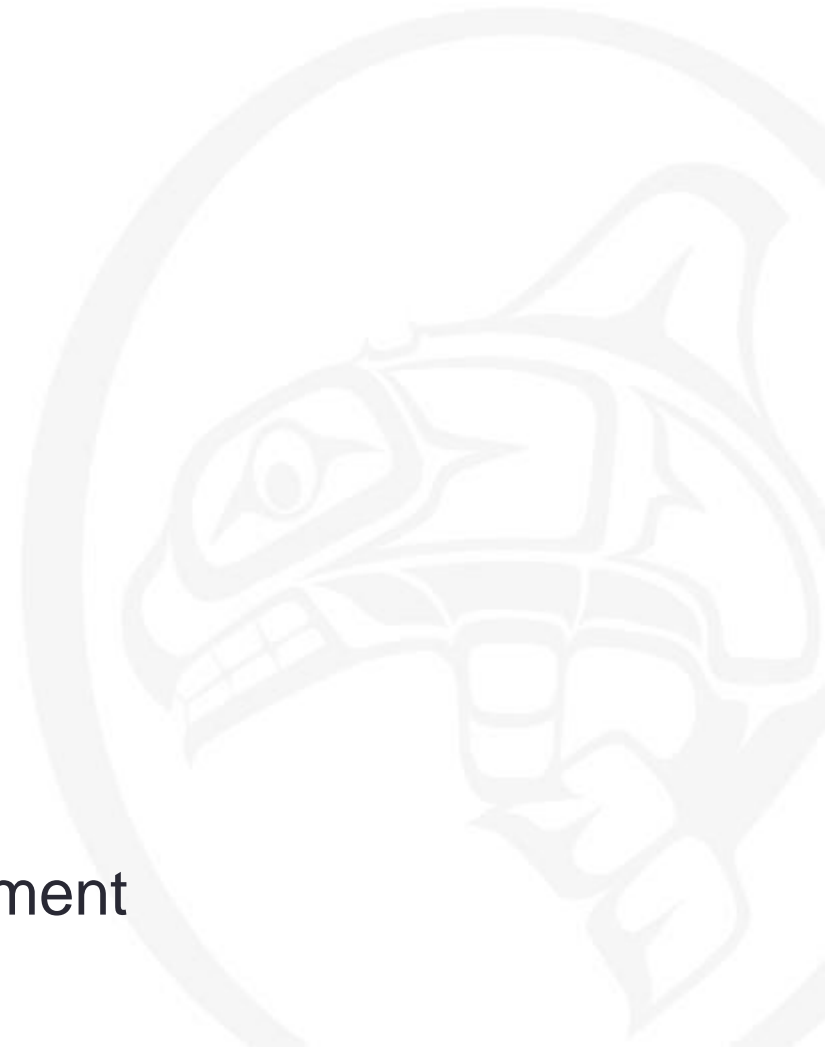


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Solemn Declarations

- Sworn statement in front of
 - Commissioner of Oaths
 - Judge
 - Ta'yii Hawilth
 - Speaker
 - Law Clerk
 - Executive Director
 - Tribunal Chair
 - Election Commissioner
 - Lawyers or Notaries
- Offence to make a false statement



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Restrictions on Candidates

- Election Act Part 3 sets restrictions on who can run
 - Undischarged bankrupt
 - In debt to HFN
 - In default of a contract
 - Convicted of certain criminal offences, or for offences where 5 years have not passed
 - Disqualified by the Election Act or other HFN Acts
 - Member of the Tribunal
 - Speaker
 - In a prescribed position or contract
 - An employee

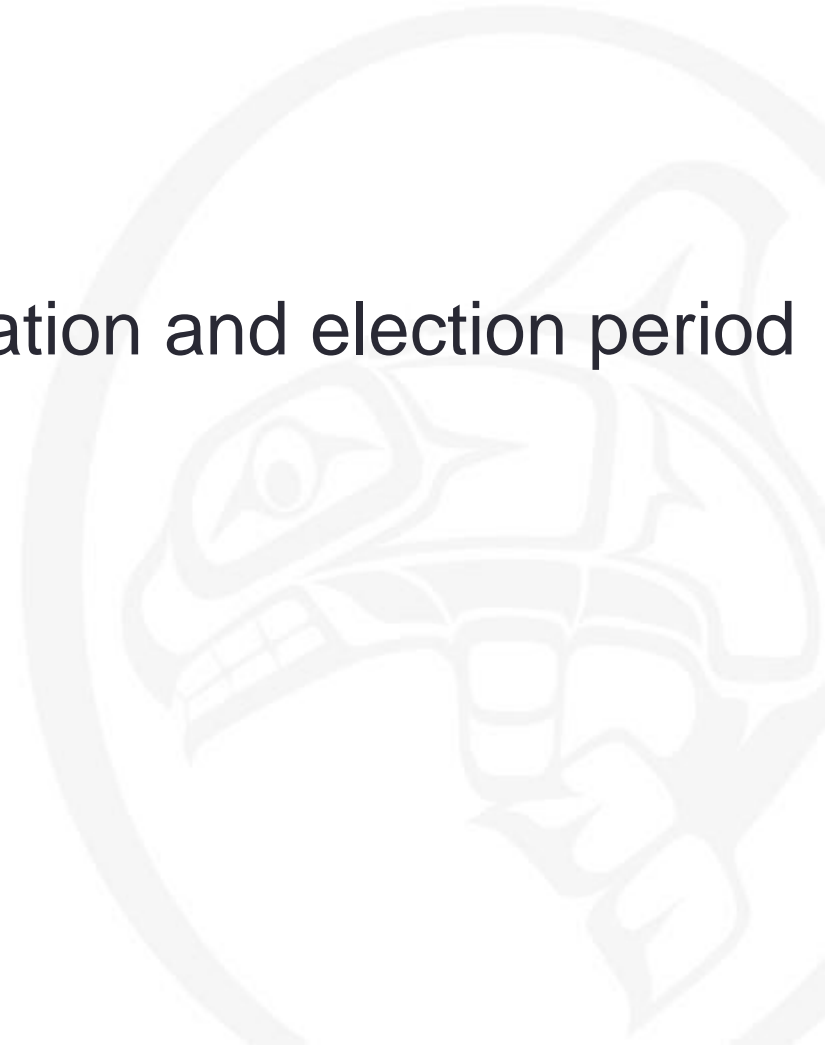


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Employees

- Must comply with the Act
- Provide notice in writing
- Seek leave for the nomination and election period
- Resign if elected



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Challenges to Nominations

- Nominations can be challenged
 - Should not be done lightly
 - MUST set out ground for challenge
 - MUST provide evidence to support
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- Candidates can withdraw up to May 28

Campaign

- Campaign period May 22 – June 19
- Commissioner will distribute information from candidates
- Candidates will have voters lists
- Candidates and their supporters must adhere to a code of conduct
- Can make general promises, but not promises to specific people,
e.g. Can promise to improve housing, but cannot promise to build a specific voter a house.
- All candidates meetings in Anacla and Port Alberni,
- Port Alberni – on June 19



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Voting

- In person on June 20
- Polling stations in Anacla and Port Alberni
- Open from 8 – 8
- By mail-in ballot
- Need to request mail-in from Commissioner by May 28th
- Mail in ballots distributed May 29, must be received before end of day June 19th or handed to Election Commissioner at the poll on June 20th.

Counting

- On Election Day after the polls close
- Ballot box from Anacla will be transported to Port Alberni and counted there
- Need to preserve the secrecy of the vote
- Ballots from both polls and mail in ballots all counted together
- Preliminary results announced after the count
- Final results in two days if no request for recount
- Requests for recount or challenges must be supported by evidence

Questions

- Contact the Election Commissioner
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