

WANT TO RUN FOR SAIK'UZ COUNCIL? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NOMINATION PACKAGE DEADLINE:
February 18, 2025, 6:00 pm



VOTING DAY:
March 27, 2025

NOMINATION UPDATES

The Nomination Process has been updated to streamline the election process. Candidates must now hand in a Nomination Package to the Electoral Officer via email or at the Nomination Meeting. This change prevents unsuccessful nominations (someone nominated without their knowledge) and ensures that only eligible Saik'uz members who want to run for office are on the ballot.

NOMINATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

- A Nomination Form signed by two Saik'uz Members endorsing the nomination;
- A signed Candidate Declaration Form;
- An email address (included in the Candidate Declaration Form)
- Criminal record check (no older than 3 months to the nomination date)
- Either:
 - a receipt for the candidate fee, or
 - a cheque for \$100 payable to Saik'uz First Nation

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION PACKAGE

- **E-mail:** Submit by February 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm
ronlauferelections@gmail.com
- **In-person:** Submit to the Electoral Officer in Saik'uz on February 13, 2025

Late packages will not be accepted
Packages must be submitted to the Electoral Officer only

The Nomination Forms and relevant information will be available online or at the Band Office. The electoral officer will review each package to ensure completion. The list of all candidates will be publicly posted on **February 19, 2025**.

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEB 3 Governance Training
(5:00PM - 8:00PM)

FEB 20 Mail-in Ballots Sent & Online Voter Registration Opens

FEB 13 Nomination Meeting & Address/Email Update Deadline

MAR 20 Online Voting Opens
(9:00AM)

FEB 18 Nomination Package Deadline
(6:00PM)

MAR 27 In-Person, Online and Mail-In Voting Closes
(8:00PM)

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You can **request a Criminal Record Check** from your local RCMP detachment or through a private criminal record check service (online).

Please start this process as soon as possible. Processing fees and times may vary.

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Candidates who have not previously completed Governance Training, can do so on February 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

GOVERNANCE TRAINING (IN-PERSON & ONLINE VIA ZOOM): FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 5 pm

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Collect signatures of support from **two (2) Saik'uz voters on your Nomination Form.**

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Pay your **Nomination Fee of \$100.**

- Attach a receipt to your Nomination Package or
- Have a cheque payable to Saik'uz First Nation ready with your package.

WHAT TO KNOW IF YOU ARE ELECTED:

- Council has added two new seats: an Elder Councilor (60+) and an Off-Reserve Councilor (who can reside anywhere, not just on traditional territory of Saik'uz First Nation)
- Councilors must reside on the traditional territory of Saik'uz. You will have 90 days to relocate once you sign the oath of office (aside from the off-reserve councilor)
- Saik'uz employees who are elected must step down from their position within 30 days.