



Saik'uz First Nation Election 2025

Notice of Nomination Meeting

A nomination meeting for the Saik'uz First Nation 2025 election will be held on February 13th, 2025, at the Saik'uz Administration Offices, 135 Joseph Street, Vanderhoof BC, V0J 3A1.

Important: The nomination process for Saik'uz Elections has changed! If you plan on running for a council position, please read this notice carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Laufer, the Electoral Officer at ronlauferelections@gmail.com or (604) 715-4777.

The 2025 Election will be held on March 27th to elect:

- Two (2) Councilors at Large
- One (1) Elder Councilor (60+)
- One (1) Off-Reserve Councilor
 - The off-reserve councilor **may** reside outside of the traditional territory of Saik'uz. The residency requirement does not pertain to this seat.

If no candidates run for either elder or off-reserve councilor positions, these seats can be filled by candidates running for councilors at large.

Action	Date
Governance Training	February 3, 2025 (5:00-8:00 pm)
Nomination Meeting & Address/Email Update Deadline	February 13, 2025
Nomination Package Deadline	February 18, 2025 (6:00 pm)
Mail-in Ballots Sent & Online Voter Registration Opens	February 20, 2025
Online Voting Opens	March 20, 2025 (9:00 am)
In-Person, Online and Mail-In Voting Closes	March 27, 2025 (8:00 pm)



To be eligible to be a candidate in the election, you must:

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the Nomination Meeting.
2. Be a member of Saik'uz First Nation.
3. Have completed governance training.
 - a. Saik'uz First Nation will provide governance training on February 3, 2025, 5:00-8:00pm, in Saik'uz and online via Zoom. For those unable to attend, the video will be posted on www.saikuz/election
4. Have not been convicted of:
 - a. Any civil judgement or criminal conviction involving theft, fraud, bribery or misuse of property,
 - b. An indictable offence involving sexual assault or assault against any individual under the age of 18,
 - c. Any indictable offence in the ten (10) years preceding the Nomination Meeting, unless granted pardon or the conviction was directly related to the exercise of asserted or recognized Aboriginal rights or title, or
 - d. An impaired driving offence in the ten (10) years preceding the Nomination Meeting.
5. Not be disqualified from being a Candidate as a result of any previous Decision,
6. Have not in the ten (10) years prior to the Election Date, in a Decision on an Appeal under Part 6 of the Election Code, been found to have:
 - a. Violated the Election Code in such a way that the outcome of an Election may have been affected; or
 - b. Engaged in a Corrupt Practice.

Governance Training

As per the amendments to the Saik'uz Election Code passed in 2024, all prospective candidates must have completed Governance Training before submitting the nomination package. Saik'uz will provide training on February 3, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with an online option via Zoom. A video of the training will be posted online at www.saikuz.com/election for anyone unable to attend on February 3.



If a Candidate has completed governance training previously, there is no need to complete training provided by Saik'uz. This session helps candidates understand the roles, responsibilities, and framework for being an effective council member. **Nomination Package**

As per the amendments to the Saik'uz Election Code passed in 2024, all prospective candidates must submit a Nomination Package to the Electoral Officer.

There are two ways to submit your Nomination Package:

- **Email:** Submit early or by February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM to ronlauferelections@gmail.com
- **In-person:** Submit to the Electoral Officer on February 13, 2025.

Late packages will not be accepted.

Packages must be submitted to the Electoral Officer only.

The Nomination Package must include the following documents:

1. A Nomination Form signed by two Saik'uz Members endorsing the nomination;
2. A signed Candidate Declaration Form;
3. Either:
 - a. a receipt for the candidate fee or
 - b. a cheque for \$100 payable to Saik'uz First Nation
4. An email address (included in the Candidate Declaration Form)
5. A criminal record check dated not more than three (3) months prior to the Nomination Meeting.

Criminal Record Check

You can request a Criminal Record Check from your local RCMP detachment or through a criminal record check service (online). Please start this process as soon as possible! Processing fees and times may vary.

Nomination Form

You must collect two (2) nomination signatures from eligible Saik'uz voters. The nomination form is included in this package.