



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 Councilors at Large
- One Elder Councilor
- One Off-Reserve Councilor

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 provided by Saik'uz First Nation
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.

In addition to these requirements:

- Elder Councilor candidates must be at least sixty (60) years of age on the day of the nomination meeting.
- Off-Reserve Councilor candidates must reside outside of a Saik'uz reserve.

Governance Training

As per the amendments to the Saik'uz Election Code passed in 2024, all prospective candidates must have completed Governance Training prior to the Nomination Meeting. This training will be held in person at Saik'uz, with an online option prior to the Nomination Meeting. The training will be recorded and made available via the Saik'uz website to anyone who is not available on the date of the training. Details of the training will be distributed via Saik'uz social media and on the Saik'uz website. Please check www.saikuz.com/election to learn more.

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 at the Nomination Meeting.

Candidates unable to attend the Nomination Meeting may submit their packages via email by 6 p.m. on February 18, 2025 to:

ronlauferelections@gmail.com



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.



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Candidate Declaration Form

(Councilor office)

I, _____, hereby declare my nomination for the office of **(select 1)**

- Councilor at Large
- Elder Councilor
- Off-Reserve Councilor

in the upcoming Saik'uz First Nation Election.

I declare that:

1. I am eligible to be a Candidate as set out in the Saik'uz First Nation Election Code.
2. I have completed the governance training provided for candidates by Saik'uz First Nation;
3. I have provided a criminal record check dated not more than three (3) months prior to the Nomination Meeting;
4. If I am elected and prior to swearing the oath of office I will submit to drug and alcohol testing; and
5. I have a reliable method of transportation.

I enclose a receipt for the candidate fee of \$100.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously and believe it to be true.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Witness

Email Address of Candidate

Name of Witness (please print)

Date

Date



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Nomination Form

Nominator #1

I, _____, a member of Saik'uz First Nation, hereby

Nominate _____ for the office of (circle one)

Councilor at Large

Elder Councilor

Off-Reserve Councilor

Signature

Status Number

Date

Date of Birth

Telephone Number

Address

Nominator #2

I, _____, a member of Saik'uz First Nation, hereby

Nominate _____ for the office of (circle one)

Councilor at Large

Elder Councilor

Off-Reserve Councilor

Signature

Status Number

Date

Date of Birth

Telephone Number

Address
