

SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND

2018 ELECTION INFORMATION

Shuswap 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 Shuswap 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. Shuswap 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 \$200 fee, and all persons wishing to be a candidate for Councillor must pay a fee of \$200.
- ✓ 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 SHUSWAP BAND COMMUNITY HALL (4878 KINBASKET TRAIL, INVERMERE BC) ON NOVEMBER 1ST 2018 FROM 9 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

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