



BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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2018 BCAFN ELECTION INFORMATION – WOMEN’S REPRESENTATIVE

The following election guidelines apply to the election for the Women’s Representative position at the BC Assembly of First Nations Annual General Meeting on October 23, 2018 (“Election Day”) to be held in Vancouver, BC. The deadline to submit a complete Candidate Package is before midnight on September 23, 2018.

ELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Candidates are encouraged to review the BC Assembly of First Nations’ Governance Manual. Please contact the BCAFN office via Victoria Austin, Victoria.austin@bcfn.ca or via Maureen Buchan, Maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca to request a copy.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

To nominate a candidate for this position, a member of the BC Assembly of First Nations must complete the Nomination Form and the candidate must complete the Acceptance of Nomination Form. Both must be returned to the Electoral Officer at least 30 days before Election Day (midnight on September 23, 2018).

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must:

1. Be a member of a First Nation in British Columbia;
2. Be a female and a Chief or elected Councillor; and
3. Commit to adhering to the National Women’s Council Code of Conduct and Women’s Council Roles and Responsibilities as set out in the BC AFN Governance Policy.

CANDIDATE PACKAGE

Candidates or their Nominees must provide the Electoral Officer with the following material:

1. Nomination Form;

2. Acceptance of Nomination Form;
3. Letter of support from their Chief or Council supporting the Candidate's nomination;
4. A written statement setting out the Candidate's knowledge of First Nation women's issues and the reasons why they are the best candidate for the position; and
5. A current resume.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Each member of the BC Assembly of First Nations shall have one vote which may only be exercised by their representative as set out on the Membership List or duly registered proxy pursuant to the BCAFN's Governance Manual.

Completed proxy forms may be emailed or faxed to our office no later than Friday, October 5, 2018. After that date, proxy holders must bring the completed proxy form to the AGM by 9:00am on October 22.

VOTING PROCEDURE

The voting process will be conducted in accordance with the Governance Manual.

Voting shall commence at 8:00 a.m. on Election Day and the first round of voting will close at 10:00 a.m.

Voting shall be done in person by Chief or designated proxy on Election Day.

Once votes have been cast for a particular Band/Nation, there will be no additional or alternate votes accepted from that Band/Nation.

ELECTING WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

The term of office for Women's Representative will be three years and will require the representative to sign an Oath of Office.

If there is only one candidate for Women's Representative, she shall win by acclamation. If there is more than one candidate, an election by secret ballot will be held. The candidate with the most votes shall be considered the winning candidate. In the event of a tie, a second ballot shall be conducted and the candidate with the most votes shall be considered the winning candidate.



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE - NOMINATION FORM

I, _____ a member of the BC Assembly of First Nations, nominate
_____ to run in the October 23, 2018 election for the Women's
Representative position of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations.

X _____
(Signature)

First Nation/Band: _____
(Print Full Name)

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email:
ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on September 23, 2018.

Office Use Only - Received in complete form by the Electoral Officer: _____,

2018 at _____ o'clock

Signed: _____



BCAFN WOMEN’S REPRESENTATIVE – ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, accept my nomination to run for **Women’s Representative** in the October 23, 2018 election of the BC Assembly of First Nations (“BCAFN”).

I appoint _____ to act as my Scrutineer at the election.

Scrutineer’s address: _____ [street or post box address]

_____ [city or town] _____ [postal code]

(_____) _____ [phone number]

_____ [e-mail address, if available]

I attach a Letter of support from my Chief or Council supporting my nomination; a written statement setting my knowledge of First Nation women’s issues and the reasons why I am the best candidate for the position; and a current resume. I authorize the BCAFN to distribute my profile to all eligible voters.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email: ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on September 23, 2018.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 715-4777.

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2018 at _____ o’clock

Signed: _____

