

SQ'ÉWQEL (SEABIRD ISLAND BAND) NOTICE OF NOMINATION PERIOD

Notice is hereby given to the electors of Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band) that a Nomination Period will take place in accordance with section 18 of the *Seabird Island Election Code (2016)*, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of one **(1) Chief** and eight **(8) Councillors** for the next term, in an election to be held on **April 15, 2026**.

NOMINATION PERIOD

OPENS: 9:00 AM on February 24, 2026

CLOSES 4:00 PM on March 6, 2026

Eligible electors are registered Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band) members who are eighteen (18) years of age and older as of the date of the Election, and shall form the Voters List.

Electors who wish to run for the Office of Chief or the Office of Councillor must fill out a **Nomination Package**, which is available for pick up from the Seabird Island Main Office or <https://www.seabirdisland.ca/referendums-elections/> or from the Electoral Officer or electronically at the website listed at the bottom of this Notice. All candidates must be nominated by two other eligible Electors.

Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements of s.12.1:

- a) Be a Seabird Island Member and at least eighteen (18) years of age as of the date of the Election;
- b) Submit a completed **Candidate Nomination Package** to the Seabird Island Records Department or to the Electoral Officer, which is verified as complete **by the closing time at the end of the nomination period**;
- c) Provide a **written statement** to the Electoral Officer stating that the **Candidate has read and understood the Seabird Island Governance Manual and Seabird Island Election Code**;
- d) Must be able to attend mandatory Council and community meetings or provide a valid reason for absence in accordance with the Seabird Island Governance Manual;
- e) Not be a candidate for both the position of Chief and the position of Councillor at the same election;
- f) Be in **good financial standing** with Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band) and have his or her financial dealings with the Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band) up to date and have **no debts with the Seabird Island Band due to deliberately refusing to pay monies owed**;
- g) Swear the Oath of Office prior to taking office;
- h) Have not been disqualified from voting, being nominated, being elected, or from holding office on Council;
- i) Not be an employee or contractor of the Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band) or any of Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band)'s businesses.

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For more information or assistance please contact OneFeather:

Email: nominations@onefeather.ca | Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006

Phone support is available weekdays from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time

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All fully completed Nomination Packages must be submitted to the Seabird Island Records Department or to the Electoral Officer no later than:

4:00 PM on MARCH 6, 2026

All nomination packages received by Seabird Island will be provided with a receipt of submission for record.

Electors are reminded that the requirements for nominations and qualifications of candidates are provided for in sections 12, 13, 18, 21 & 22 of the *Seabird Island Election Code (2016)* – please review these sections if you intend to run for office.

Any questions regarding filling in the Nomination Forms contained in the Candidate Nomination Package, or the election process, can be directed to the Electoral Officer using the contact information at the bottom of this Notice.

You may obtain a copy of the *Seabird Island Election Code (2016)* from the Electoral Officer, by visiting the Seabird Island Band website, by requesting a copy from the Seabird Island Main Office, or by visiting the OneFeather webpage listed at the bottom of this Notice.

A copy of the Voters List will be available at the Seabird Island Main Office for viewing by no later than Friday, February 13, 2026. Any questions about the Voters List may be brought to the attention of the Electoral Officer for resolution – including adding or removing a name.

ELECTION DAY

APRIL 15, 2026

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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2736 Chowat Rd. Agassiz BC V0M 1A2

Electors may vote electronically (see OneFeather link below), in person at the Seabird Island Band polling station, or by mail-in ballot. All electors who reside off-reserve must inform the Membership Clerk of their current mailing address to ensure receipt of a mail-in voting package. All other electors who wish to vote by mail-in ballot have until April 5, 2026, to request one directly from the Electoral Officer.

Brett Bilyk, Electoral Officer
Dated for reference February 9, 2026



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