

2026 Local Government Election

Candidate Information Session
District of Squamish and School
District 48



Agenda



Council Proceedings – Term and Time Commitment



Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality



Municipal Resources



Election Campaign Offenses



Elections BC

Responsibilities of Council



Provincial Legislation



Responsibilities of Mayor and Council



Policy and strategic direction



Council as a governing body – One vote each!



CAO is Council's employee



Staff report to the CAO

Municipal Jurisdiction



Municipal Government

District of Squamish
Mayor and Council

- Municipal Hall
- RCMP
- Roads
- Snow Clearing
- Sidewalks
- Water & Wastewater
- Sewers
- Fire Rescue
- Animal Control
- Parks, Trails & Playgrounds
- Recreation
- Cemetery
- Land Use & Zoning
- Local Bylaws
- Solid Waste
- Municipal Property Tax

Regional District

Squamish Lillooet
Regional District
Chair and Board of Directors

- Inter-Municipal Collaborations
- Emergency Preparedness
- Regional Land Use Planning
- Regional Parks & Recreation
- Rural Area Planning & Development

Provincial Government

British Columbia
*Premier and Members of the
Legislative Assembly (MLAs)*

- Hospitals
- Health Authorities
- Highways
- BC Transit
- ICBC
- WorkSafe
- Justice
- Provincial Taxes
- Provincial Parks
- Crown Land
- Post-Secondary Education
- Housing & Homeless Support
- Environmental Regulation

Federal Government

Canada
*Prime Minister and Members of
Parliament (MPs)*

- National Defence
- Immigration
- Customs & Border Services
- Criminal Law
- Broadcasting and Communications
- Human Rights
- Postal Service
- National Parks
- Fisheries & Oceans
- Currency & Banking
- Foreign Affairs
- Federal Taxes

Term

Four year term (ending fall of 2030)

Sworn in Tuesday, November 3
(Inauguration)

Council Orientation starts Nov 3 and will
be ongoing

Orientation overlaps with the Budget and
Regular Business

Strategic Planning is Q1 2027

Time
Commitment
And
Remuneration

Your time is no longer your own

Flexibility and understanding of family and your employer

Your face and reputation in the media, social media, and “around town”

Council meetings and agendas

Mayor in 2026 = \$106,193

Councillor in 2026 = \$44,183 + acting pay

Conflict of Interest

- Financial gain or loss
- Bias and perception of bias
- Disclosure of conflict
- Restrictions on participation if in conflict
- Exception from conflict restrictions
- Court order for person to give up financial gain

Community Charter Division 6

Duty to Respect Confidentiality

- “Confidential”, “in camera” and “closed”

117. (1) A council member or former council member must, unless specifically authorized otherwise by council,

(a) keep in confidence any record held in confidence by the municipality, until the record is released to the public as lawfully authorized or required, and

(b) keep in confidence information considered in any part of a council meeting or council committee meeting that was lawfully closed to the public, until the council or committee discusses the information at a meeting that is open to the public or releases the information to the public.

(2) If the municipality suffers loss or damage because a person contravenes subsection (1) and the contravention was not inadvertent, **the municipality may recover damages from the person for the loss or damage.**

Municipal Resources and Guiding Documents

- Official Community Plan
- District Strategic Plan
- Zoning Bylaw
- Master Plans and Strategies
- Council Specific:
 - Council Remuneration Bylaw
 - Code of Conduct Bylaw
 - Council Procedure Bylaw (Meeting Procedures)

Election Campaign Offences

- Campaign Offences include:
 - **Vote-buying**
 - **Intimidation**
 - **Campaigning near a voting place
(Advance, Special, General)**
 - **Providing or distributing false
information**
 - **Contravening voting provisions**
- Conduct on voting days

Elections BC

- Oversees election advertising compliance
- Registers and regulates elector organizations
- Receives and investigates complaints related to campaign financing and election advertising compliance
- Sets and administers campaign spending limits

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