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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

Elections Act (2025)

**ELECTION NOTICE, NOMINATION AND CAMPAIGNING
REGULATION**

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Citation

- 1 This regulation may be cited as the Election Notice, Nomination, and Campaigning Regulation.

Definitions

2 In this regulation:

“Act” means the *Elections Act (2025)*;

“Campaign Advertising” means the transmission of a message to the public, by any means, that supports or opposes, directly or indirectly, a candidate for elected office with the Tsawwassen Government, or takes a position on an issue associated with a candidate during the campaign period;

“Campaign Period” means the period that begins on the day following the first nomination meeting and ends at close of voting on general voting day;

“Employee” means an individual employed by the Tsawwassen Government, a Tsawwassen Public Institution, or a Tsawwassen Corporation;

“Political Activities” means any activity conducted in support of, or in opposition to, a candidate or nominee, including but not limited to fundraising, canvassing, or the creation or distribution of campaign advertising materials.

“Tsawwassen Government Publications” means the various communication channels operated by the Tsawwassen Government, including but not limited to newsletters, social media posts, and community notices.

“Tsawwassen Public Lands” means any Tsawwassen Lands held in fee simple by the Tsawwassen Government for which no Tsawwassen Fee Simple Interest has been created by the Tsawwassen Government under the *Lands Act* but does not include lands held by the Tsawwassen Government as a nominee, agent, or trustee for another person.

Interpretation

- 3 Unless specifically provided otherwise in these regulations, other terms used have the same meanings as in the Act.

PART 1 – DECLARATIONS AND NOTICES

Election officer’s declaration

- 4 The election officer’s acceptance of appointment and solemn declaration must be documented using the form set out in Schedule A [*Acceptance and declaration of election officer form*]

Public notice requirements

- 5 (1) Where the Act or regulations requires notice to be given, the notice must be
 - (a) posted in a visible and frequently travelled location at the Tsawwassen administration office,
 - (b) published in at least one issue of the Tsawwassen First Nation community newsletter,
 - (c) mailed to every eligible voter on the list of voters, to the address shown on the list,

- (d) published on the Tsawwassen First Nation website, and
 - (e) circulated through Tsawwassen First Nation social media channels.
- (2) Notices to which this section applies may be combined as long as the requirements of all applicable sections are met.

Notices of election

- 6** (1) The first notice of election will be issued no later than 90 days before general voting day and must contain the following information:
- (a) that the election is for an election of Tsawwassen Government;
 - (b) the date of the general voting day;
 - (c) the positions to be filled in the election;
 - (d) the methods of voting available for the election.
- (2) The election officer must issue the second notice of election no later than 30 days before general voting day and include the following information:
- (a) the information included in subsection (1);
 - (b) the times during which voting stations will be open;
 - (c) the location of voting stations;
 - (d) the names of the candidates for each office;
 - (e) if advance voting is authorized for the election, any information required under section 17 [*Advance voting opportunities*] of the *Voting and Ballot Counting regulation*;
 - (f) if electronic voting is authorized for the election, any information required under section 25 [*Electronic voting opportunities*] of the *Voting and Ballot Counting regulation*.
- (3) The notice of by-election will be issued as soon as practicable after a general voting day for a by-election has been determined and must contain the information in subsection (1).

Notice of nomination

- 7** (1) The notice of nomination will be issued no later than 70 days before general voting day and must contain the following information:
- (a) that the nomination meeting is for an election of Tsawwassen Government;
 - (b) the date, time, and location of the nomination meeting;
 - (c) the positions for which individuals may be nominated;
 - (d) instructions for how to nominate a candidate.
- (2) If a second nomination meeting is required under section 29 [*Insufficient number of candidates*] of the Act, then a second notice of nomination containing the information included in subsection (1) must be issued as soon as is practicable.
- (3) Notices mailed in accordance subsection (1) and subsection (2) must be accompanied by
- (a) the nomination form set out in Schedule B [*Nomination Form*];
 - (b) instructions for nominating candidates set out in Schedule C [*Instructions for Nominations*];
 - (c) a prepaid return envelope.

Notice of all-candidates meeting

- 8 The notice of all-candidates meeting will be issued no later than 30 days before general voting day, and must contain the date, time, and location of the all-candidates meeting.

Notices of election results

- 9 The notice of election results should be issued as soon as is practicable following the the declaration of election results in accordance with section 47 [*Declaration of election results*] of the Act and contain the following information:
- (a) that the election is for an election of Tsawwassen Government;
 - (b) the date of the election day;
 - (c) the information contained in Schedule I [*Official Statement of Results of Election*] of the *Voting and Ballot Counting Regulation*.

PART 2– NOMINATIONS

Nominations form

- 10 A nomination made in accordance with section 22 [*Nominating candidates*] of the Act must be made using the form set out in Schedule B [*Nomination Form*].

Notifying nominated individuals

- 11 The election officer must notify each nominee of their nomination in accordance with section 25 [*After a nomination meeting*] of the Act using the form set out in Schedule D [*Notice to individuals nominated*].

Acceptance of nomination

- 12 A nominee who intends to become a candidate in accordance with section 26 [*Declaration of candidates*] of the Act must
- (a) accept the nomination using the form set out in Schedule E [*Acceptance of Nomination form*]
 - (b) not be in debt to Tsawwassen First Nation or a Tsawwassen Institution in an amount of \$5,000 or more for a period of longer than 90 days, and
 - (c) pay an administrative fee to Tsawwassen First Nation, in a form acceptable to the election officer, in the amount of \$150 for the office of Chief and \$50 for the office of Legislator.

Withdrawal of candidacy

- 13 A candidate who wishes to withdraw from an election pursuant to section 28 [*Withdrawal of candidate*] of the Act must complete the form set out in Schedule F [*Withdrawal of Candidacy Form*].

PART 3– CAMPAIGNING

Division 1 – General rules

Application

- 14 This division applies to individuals and organizations during the Campaign Period of an election of Tsawwassen Government.

Transmission of false statements

- 15** An individual or organization must not, with the intent to influence the results of an election, transmit by any means a statement that the individual or organization knows to be false, or has a reckless disregard as to whether it is false,
- (a) that a candidate has committed or been charged with an offence, or has been subject to an administrative monetary penalty under a federal, provincial or Tsawwassen law,
 - (b) that concerns a candidate's Membership, place of birth, education, professional qualifications, or membership in a group or association, or
 - (c) that relates to voter eligibility, voter registration procedures or election proceedings, including voting opportunities available to eligible voters.

Misrepresentation

- 16** An individual or organization must not, in relation to an election, falsely purport to be a candidate or an individual authorized to act on behalf of a candidate.

Use of TFN intellectual property

- 17** (1) An individual or organization must not use any TFN intellectual property including, but not limited to, logos, graphics, slogans, and other proprietary content, in any campaign advertisements.
- (2) This prohibition applies to all advertising formats and includes modified versions of TFN intellectual property.

Campaign advertisements

- 18** Campaign advertisements must
- (a) identify the name of the candidate who sponsored them; and
 - (b) provide a means of contacting the sponsoring candidate, such as a telephone number, mailing address, or email address.

Campaign advertising on general voting day

- 19** (1) Individuals and organizations must not sponsor, publish, broadcast or transmit campaign advertisements on general voting day.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect to any of the actions listed below:
- (a) a message that was transmitted to the public on the internet before general voting that was not altered before the close of general voting, and
 - (b) a message that was transmitted to the public for the sole purpose of encouraging eligible voters to vote in the election.

Campaigning near Tsawwassen government buildings and voting places

- 20** An individual or organization must not post, display, or disseminate campaign advertising on the premises of TFN government buildings.

Campaign advertising on Tsawwassen Lands

- 21** An individual or organization may post, display, or disseminate campaign advertisements that

- (a) comply with the *Sign Regulation (2022)* and all other Tsawwassen enactments, and
- (b) are not located on Tsawwassen Public Lands.

Interference with campaign advertisements

- 22** Individuals shall not destroy or interfere with posted campaign advertisements.

Division 2 – TFN Employees

Restrictions on Political Activities

- 23** Employees must not
- (a) engage in Political Activities throughout the course of their work, or
 - (b) use Tsawwassen Government equipment or supplies to conduct Political Activities, including but not limited to, printing, scanning, or using TFN video conferencing or telecommunication accounts.

Use of personal information

- 24** Employees must not access or use Member or confidential information for Political Activities. This includes, but is not limited to,
- (a) Member contact lists,
 - (b) program details, including waitlists,
 - (c) personal information from application forms, and
 - (d) confidential information about TFN initiatives.

Reporting

- 25** Individuals with concerns about the conduct of Employees in relation to Political Activities can contact the Chief Administrative Officer.

Division 3 – Use of Tsawwassen Government Publications for Campaigning

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

- 26** (1) Candidates who wish to distribute campaign advertisements under this division must sign and submit a copy of Schedule G [*Code of Fair Campaign Practices*] to the election officer.
- (2) For greater certainty, any campaign advertisement submitted from a candidate who has not submitted a signed copy of Schedule G [*Code of Fair Campaign Practices*] to the election officer will not be distributed through Tsawwassen Government Publications.

Distribution limits

- 27** (1) The election officer may accept a maximum of two campaign advertisements from a candidate for the purpose of distribution under this division throughout the course of an election.
- (2) The election officer may establish limits respecting the size and format of campaign advertisements.

Candidate's responsibilities

- 28** (1) Candidates wishing to distribute campaign advertising through Tsawwassen Government Publications must provide advertisements to the election officer for review before any deadline established by the election officer
- (2) Candidates wishing to distribute campaign advertising by mail must provide advertisements to the election officer for review in stamped and unsealed envelopes before any deadline established by the election officer.

Election officer's responsibilities

- 29** (1) Before distributing any campaign advertisement(s) under this division, the election officer must conduct a review of the materials submitted by candidates to ensure,
- (a) advertisements do not contravene section 15 [*Transmission of false statements*], and
- (b) advertisements include the name and contact information of the sponsoring candidate.
- (2) The election officer may, at their discretion, determine the number of advertisements submitted by a candidate to be reviewed, so long as the review is reasonably sufficient to ensure compliance with this division.
- (3) For greater certainty, the election officer is only responsible for the review and approval of campaign advertisements intended for publication under this division.

Contravening advertising

- 30** If a campaign advertisement intended for publication under this division contravenes section 15 [*Transmission of false statements*] or Schedule G [*Code of Fair Campaign Practices*], the election officer must
- (a) reject the advertisement and refuse to distribute it; and
- (b) notify the candidate in writing providing reasons why the advertisement is being rejected and notice that it will not be distributed.

(a) Division 4 – Contravention, Enforcement, and Penalties

Determining contravention and enforcement powers of the election officer

- 31** (1) The election officer may investigate complaints alleging that a provision of this regulation has been contravened.
- (2) If the election officer determines that a contravention has occurred under this regulation, the election officer
- (a) must provide written notice, explaining the details of the contravention(s),
- (b) if applicable, must direct the sponsoring candidate, individual, or organization to remove the contravening materials, and
- (c) may direct a designated enforcement officer to issue a penalty in accordance with the *Laws Enforcement Act*.

SCHEDULE A

ACCEPTANCE AND DECLARATION OF ELECTION OFFICER FORM

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF ELECTION OFFICER

I, the undersigned, accept the appointment to the position of election officer for the election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I am aware of the duties and responsibilities of this position as established under the *Elections Act (2025)*.

SIGNATURE OF ELECTION OFFICER	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)
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SOLEMN DECLARATION OF ELECTION OFFICER

I, the undersigned, solemnly declare that:

- I am not a Tsawwassen Member;
- I am not an employee, commissioner, or trustee of the Tsawwassen Government, or a Tsawwassen Institution;
- I am not a director, officer, or employee of a Tsawwassen Corporation;
- I will act faithfully as election officer, without partiality, fear, favour or affection; and
- I will in all respects maintain and aid in maintaining the absolute secrecy of the voting.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect as if made under oath. I understand that it is an offense to make a false statement in this declaration.

SIGNATURE OF ELECTION OFFICER	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)
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SCHEDULE B
NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION INFORMATION
NAME OF NOMINATED INDIVIDUAL
OFFICE NOMINATED FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> Chief <input type="checkbox"/> Legislator
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON NOMINATED (optional)
ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NOMINATED (optional)
E-MAIL ADDRESS OF PERSON NOMINATED (optional)

NOMINATED BY (Print name)	SECONDED BY (Print name)
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I, the undersigned, declare that:

- I am a Tsawwassen Member;
- I am or will be at least 18 years old on general voting day; and
- I am not disqualified from voting at an election of Tsawwassen Government.

I make this declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is an offence under the *Elections Act* (Tsawwassen) to make a false or misleading statement.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)
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SIGNATURE OF SECONDER	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)
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The personal information on this form is collected under section 22 of the Elections Act (2025). The information will be used to determine nomination for the election of Tsawwassen Government.

SCHEDULE C INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear Member:

A nomination meeting for the election of the office of Chief and the office of legislator for the Tsawwassen Government will be held on

DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)	TIME	LOCATION

Who May Nominate a Candidate

If you are a Tsawwassen Member who will be at least 18 years old on general voting day, you are entitled to nominate or second the nomination of any eligible voter to stand as a candidate in the election of Tsawwassen Government.

How and When to Submit a Nomination Form

The Nomination Form must be received by the election officer within the period for receiving nominations, which begins when the notice of nomination is issued and ends seven days after the close of the nomination meeting. If a second nomination meeting is required, Nomination Forms must be submitted before the close of the second nomination meeting.

You may nominate or second a candidate:

- at the nomination meeting, or
- by mail, by completing the attached Nomination Form and enclosing it in the envelope addressed to the election officer.

Note that Nomination Forms received by the election officer after the period for receiving Nomination Forms ends, seven days after the close of the nomination meeting, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED unless a second nomination meeting is required due to insufficient nominations pursuant to section 29(1) [<i>Insufficient number of candidates</i>] of the <i>Elections Act (2025)</i> , in which case, Nomination Forms must be received by the election officer before the close of the second nomination meeting.
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Election Officer

Phone: _____

SCHEDULE D
NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED

Dear Nominee:

I am pleased to inform you that at a nomination meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 20____, at the _____, you were nominated as a candidate for the office of [Chief / Legislator] for the Tsawwassen Government election to be held the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Requirements of Acceptance

If you choose to accept this nomination you must complete and provide the following to the election officer no later than _____, 20____:

- a. an Acceptance of Nomination form; and
- b. an administrative fee, payable to Tsawwassen First Nation in the amount of \$150 for the office of Chief and \$50 for the office of Legislator.

If by _____, 20____, the required documents and administrative fee have not been received, your nomination will be considered declined, and you will not be permitted to be a candidate in the election.

Withdrawal of Candidacy

If you accept the nomination and are declared a candidate, you may only withdraw as a candidate if you submit to the election officer a Schedule F [*Withdrawal of Candidacy form*]. If you withdraw, any votes cast in your favour will not be counted.

If you have any questions concerning the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly, _____
Election Officer

Phone: _____

SCHEDULE E ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FORM

I, the undersigned, being nominated as a candidate for the office of Chief or Legislator of the Tsawwassen Government, hereby declare that:

- I have been a Tsawwassen Member for the 12 months immediately preceding the nomination meeting at which I was nominated;
- I will be at least 18 years old on general voting day;
- If I am a candidate for Chief, I have served at least one term as chief or legislator of Tsawwassen First Nation, or as chief or councillor of Tsawwassen First Nation prior to the Effective Date;
- I will not be in undischarged bankruptcy under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) in the 90-day period preceding general voting day;
- I am not in debt to Tsawwassen First Nation or a Tsawwassen Institution in the amount of \$5,000 or more for a period of no longer than 90 days;
- I am not disqualified from holding elected office under the *Elections Act* (2025) or under any other Tsawwassen law;
- I have not, in the five-year period immediately preceding general voting day, been convicted of an offence that carried the possibility of imprisonment for 2 years or more but less than 10 years, which was not directly related to the exercise of aboriginal rights, Treaty rights, or aboriginal title;
- I have not, in the 10-year period immediately preceding general voting day, been convicted of an offence that carried the possibility of imprisonment for 10 years or more, which was not directly related to the exercise of aboriginal rights, Treaty rights, or aboriginal title;
- I will not be serving a sentence in a correctional institution at any time between the day of the nomination meeting and the end of general voting day.

I, the undersigned, formally accept such nomination and enclose herewith an administrative fee in the amount of:

\$150 (Candidate for the office of Chief)

\$50 (Candidate for the office of Legislator)

NAME OF NOMINEE (please print)	SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)

**SCHEDULE F
WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY FORM**

I, the undersigned, being nominated as a candidate for the office of Chief or Legislator of the Tsawwassen Government, hereby formally withdraw my nomination.

NAME OF CANDIDATE (please print)	SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)

The personal information on this form is collected under section 22 of the Elections Act (2025). The information will be used to determine withdrawal of nomination for the election of Tsawwassen Government.

SCHEDULE G CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

As a candidate for public office in the scəwəθən (Tsawwassen) Government, I recognize the importance of ʔələt (integrity), θəʔit tən sq^wel (honesty), and siʔemstəx^w (respect) in the democratic process and I commit to the following principles:

Therefore:

θəʔit tən sq^wel (honesty)

- 1 **I WILL CONDUCT** my campaign transparently and publicly.
- 2 **I WILL PRESENT** my record and policies truthfully.

siʔemstəx^w (respect)

- 3 **I WILL ENGAGE** in respectful critique of my opponents' record and policies.
- 4 **I WILL NOT ENGAGE IN** defamation of character, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or attacks on the personal life of another candidate.
- 5 **I WILL NOT USE** any form of discrimination or prejudice based on gender, age, religion, health status, or social standing.

ʔələt (integrity)

- 6 **I WILL NOT USE** dishonest or unethical practices that corrupt or undermine the electoral process.
- 7 **I WILL NOT** coerce election support or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from those under my authority.

I, the undersigned candidate for election to public office in the scəwəθən (Tsawwassen) Government, commit to conducting my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)
NAME OF CANDIDATE (please print)	DATE OF ELECTION (YYYY/MM/DD)