

SHXWHÁ:Y VILLAGE 2026 NOOKSACK COUNCILLOR ELECTION

CANDIDATE PACKAGE

For more information, please contact the Electoral Officer at OneFeather:

Email: nominations@onefeather.ca

Phone: **250-384-8200** 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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SHXWHÁ:Y VILLAGE NOOKSACK COUNCILLOR ELECTION NOTICE TO POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

Date: February 4, 2026

A person who is nominated does not have to be present at the Nomination Meeting but must fulfill the following requirements to become a candidate:

1. Be a Shxwhá:y Village member and an eligible voter;
2. Reside within Nooksack.
3. Complete the *Candidate Information form* included in this package.
4. Provide proof of a clear criminal record for a period of at least five years prior to the Election date; consisting of a **current Criminal Record Check that is dated no earlier than January 1, 2026, and received by the Electoral Officer before the close of the Nomination Meeting at 8:00 PM, February 18, 2026.** This must be provided for each country that the candidate has resided in within the previous five years. Nominees will be required to cover the costs of the background check. **It is recommended that anyone wishing to run for office requests their criminal background check as early as possible.**
5. Provide proof that they are not using any illegal substances. **Proof shall consist of the results from a Urine Drug Screen, testing for illegal substances conducted by a reputable testing firm dated no earlier than four (4) weeks before the Nomination Meeting and no later than the close of the Nomination Meeting, confirming that the candidate is not using illegal substances. This must be received by the Electoral Officer before the close of the Nomination Meeting.**

Urine Drug Screen Testing facilities are available at the following locations:

Bellingham: Whatcom Occupational Health - 3010 Squalicum Pkwy Bellingham, WA 98225, 360-676-1693

Abbotsford: LifeLabs - A8-33498 Bevan Ave., Abbotsford, BC, Canada, 604-557-998.

Other reputable testing facilities may be used – please contact the Electoral Officer at OneFeather for approval.

If the above requirements are **not** received by the Electoral Officer **by 8:00 PM on February 18, 2026**, you will **not** be a candidate for the **Shxwhá:y Village 2026 Nooksack Councillor Election**. If you have any questions or need assistance with this process, please contact the Electoral Officer using the contact information below.

Withdrawal: Candidates wishing to withdraw their candidacy may do so pursuant to Section 19 of the *Shxwhá:y Village Custom Election Rules, 2011*. **If you withdraw on or before 8:00 p.m. on February 20, 2026, your name will not appear on the Ballot.** In order to withdraw you must do so in writing, and the properly completed document must be submitted to the Electoral Officer. A Candidate Withdrawal Form is included in this package.

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SHXWHÁ:Y VILLAGE 2026 NOOKSACK COUNCILLOR ELECTION CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Full Legal Name (Print Clearly)

Date of Birth

Registry/Status Number

Address

Email

() -
Phone Number

For the upcoming Shxwhá:y Village 2026 Nooksack Councillor Election, I would like my name to appear on the ballot as:

Last Name

First Name (Nickname/Alias)

x. _____
Signature

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SHXWHÁ:Y VILLAGE 2026 NOOKSACK COUNCILLOR ELECTION CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL FORM

PLEASE NOTE FOR CANDIDATES WISHING TO WITHDRAW...

Candidates wishing to withdraw their candidacy must do so pursuant to Section 19 of the *Shxwhá:y Village Custom Election Rules, 2011*. **If you withdraw on or before 8:00 p.m. on February 20, 2026, your name will not appear on the Ballot.** In order to withdraw you must do so in writing, and the properly completed document must be submitted to the Electoral Officer.

Print Your Legal Name

Date of Birth

Address where you are normally resident

Phone number and alternate contact, email address if available

I, _____ hereby withdraw my name as a Candidate for the Office of Councillor for the Shxwhá:y Village 2026 Nooksack Councillor Election being held April 4, 2026.

Signature of Candidate

Date

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY:

Print Name of Witness

Phone Number/Email

Signature of Witness

Date

*The witness should be at least 18 years of age.

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