



**British Columbia
Assembly of First Nations**



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**BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS ELECTIONS 2026
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
REGIONAL CHIEF, 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND BOTH A
FEMALE & MALE YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

To BCAFN Members:

I have been appointed Electoral Officer for the BCAFN elections to be carried out using electronic voting on October 15, 2026.

I write to summarize the nominations procedure and invite nominations for Regional Chief, three (3) seats on the BCAFN Board of Directors, one (1) Female Youth Representative and one (1) Male Youth Representative position:

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| 1. BCAFN Regional Chief – 3 year term | 4. BCAFN Board Director Member – 3 year term |
| 2. BCAFN Board Director Member – 3 year term | 5. BCAFN Female Youth Representative – 3 year term |
| 3. BCAFN Board Director Member – 3 year term | 6. BCAFN Male Youth Representative – 3 year term |

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE: August 31, 2026

Nomination and acceptance forms, as well as complete policies, procedures and guidelines for the election are set out in the *BCAFN Governance Manual* and are available by request. Please contact the BCAFN offices via Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca.

Nominations for Regional Chief

If you wish to nominate a candidate for Regional Chief for the upcoming election:

- Members of the BCAFN, as represented by the Chief or designate as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List, may nominate candidates for the Regional Chief.
- All nominations must have the support of five (5) members of the BCAFN as represented by their respective member delegates, one of which must be their own First Nation.
- The Electoral Officer must receive nominations before 11:59 PM on August 31, 2026, and must be accompanied by:
 - A completed Nomination Acceptance Form,
 - A one-page profile of the nominee (text document such as MS Word), and
 - A biographical photo in JPEG format (optional).



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unceded territories of the Lheidli T'enneh*

Regional Chief Candidate Eligibility

Candidates for Regional Chief must be eighteen (18) years of age or older and of First Nations ancestry.

Nominations for Board of Directors

If you wish to nominate a Board of Director candidate for the upcoming election:

- Members of the BCAFN, as represented by their respective member delegate (Chief or Chief's designate) as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List, may nominate candidates for the Board of Directors.
- All nominations must have the support of five (5) members of the BCAFN as represented by their respective member delegates, one of which must be their own First Nation.
- The Electoral Officer must receive nominations before 11:59 PM on August 31, 2026, and must be accompanied by:
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Board of Directors Candidate Eligibility

Candidates for a seat on the Board must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the election and be a member delegate.

Nominations for Female Youth Representative

If you wish to nominate a Female Youth Representative for the upcoming election:

- Members of the BCAFN, as represented by their respective member delegate (Chief or Chief's designate) as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List, may nominate candidates for Female Youth Representative.
- The nomination must have the support of two (2) members of the BCAFN as represented by their respective member delegates.
- The Electoral Officer must receive nominations before 11:59 pm on August 31, 2026, and must be accompanied by:
 - A completed Nomination Acceptance Form.
 - A one-page profile of the nominee (text document such as MS Word).
 - A biographical photo in JPEG format (optional)

Female Youth Representative Candidate Eligibility

Candidates for Female Youth Representative must:

1. Be a member or citizen of a First Nation in British Columbia;
 2. Be a female in a leadership position between the ages of 16 and 29 on the date of the election; and
 3. Meet any requirements set out in the terms of reference for the AFN Youth Council.
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Nominations for Male Youth Representative

If you wish to nominate a Male Youth Representative for the upcoming election:

- Members of the BCAFN, as represented by their respective member delegate (Chief or Chief's designate) as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List, may nominate candidates for Male Youth Representative.
- The nomination must have the support of two (2) members of the BCAFN as represented by their respective member delegates.
- The Electoral Officer must receive nominations before 11:59 pm on August 31, 2026, and must be accompanied by:
 - A completed Nomination Acceptance Form.
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 - A biographical photo in JPEG format (optional)

Male Youth Representative Candidate Eligibility

Candidates for Male Youth Representative must:

1. Be a member or citizen of a First Nation in British Columbia;
2. Be a male in a leadership position between the ages of 16 and 29 on the date of the election; and
3. Meet any requirements set out in the terms of reference for the AFN Youth Council.

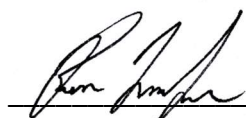
The election will take place as follows:

All Candidates Forum: **October 14, 2026 3:30 p.m.**

Election Day: **October 15, 2026**
Voting will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m.

Held: Electronically (in person or remotely)

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: ronlauferelections@gmail.com or (604) 715-4777.



Ron Laufer, Electoral Officer



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