**By-Elections September 2023 frequently asked questions ( TAKLA FAQ’s)**

1. Can incarcerated members vote in the upcoming election? In accordance with the 2014 Election Code, all eligible voters, who were Takla Members as of 12 months prior to the day of the nomination meeting (15 August, 2023)
2. If you are an employee of the nation presently and choose to run for office, are you still able to count your years of service? Yes, your employment would however be at a new position and new wage
3. Do candidates and nominators need to be at the Nominations Meeting? You are strongly encouraged and expected to be there with your nominating crew.
4. What if you are surprised by your friends nominating you for the election? All candidates should be aware in advance that their names will be put forward. If you choose not to run, you can have your name withdrawn from the ballot up and until 21 August, 2023.
5. The advance voting station will be the Ft St James , location to be announced for 26 September, 2023 from 9 AM to 8 PM, and Takla Nation Boardroom on 25 September, 2023 from 9 AM to 8 PM.
6. Vote day is 27 September 2023, at Potlach House from 9 AM to 8 PM.
7. All candidates properly nominated and approved for the Ballot mut submit their CRC within thirty (30) days of the Nomination meeting.
8. To be clear this means that all approved candidates must provide the Criminal Record Check to the electoral officer no later than August 15th, 2023…if not received by this date they will not be eligible to hold office, and even though their name will remain on the ballot they will not eligible to be elected (no votes will be counted for them).
9. A postal code on the mail in nominations envelope was different that the postal code for the street address for One Feather. We confirm that the postal code was issued by Canada Post to track Takla mail in ballots. Any nominations mailed in using that postal code went to the One Feather Office
10. Voting will be in person at a polling station, by electronic voting or by mail in ballot.
11. Mail in ballots will be sent out to membership on August 23rd, 2023. A notice is coming to membership via email and known addresses. If your address has changed since the last dividend, please send to [address@taklafn.ca](mailto:address@taklafn.ca) with your new details.