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Notice to: Haisla Membership
From: Haisla Nation Council - Elected Chief and Council
Date: October 17, 2024
Subject: Haisla Nation Custom Election Code Amendments

Haisla Nation Council is issuing this 30-day notice to inform all registered Haisla band members of proposed amendments to the Haisla Nation Custom Election Code. We are seeking feedback and comments from the community on the following areas that we intend to update:

1. **Removal of Duplication:** We propose to remove sections of the Election Code that duplicate content in the Haisla Nation Governance Handbook, ensuring clearer, non-redundant regulations.
2. **Composition & Size of Council:** We are reviewing the composition of Haisla Nation Council members, specifically the number of non-local resident (off-reserve) seats, to ensure it reflects the needs of our community. We are also re-evaluating the definition of non-local resident.
3. **By-Election Procedure:** We aim to create a new model for filling vacant seats on Council outside of the general election, ensuring a clear and fair process for by-elections.
4. **Eligibility for Candidacy:** Clarification will be provided on the eligibility criteria for candidates, particularly regarding employment. We plan to define which positions, if any, held within Haisla Nation Council, nation-owned entities, or affiliated partners may affect candidacy.
5. **Addition of a Campaign Section:** A new section will be added to the Election Code, outlining rules and guidelines for campaigning, to ensure transparency and fairness during election periods.

These are the major changes being proposed. The remainder of the updates are primarily administrative in nature, aimed at improving the overall organization and clarity of the Election Code.

We strongly encourage all members to review these proposed changes and share their feedback by completing the associated survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/hJRqxyTJBU>.

Your input is crucial in shaping the future of our governance.

Any additional comments or questions can be submitted in writing to Duane Grant, Clerk to Council at dugrant@haisla.ca.