



# 2026 Candidate Information Session

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# Tonight's Agenda



WHY SERVE



COUNCIL  
RESPONSIBILITIES



WHAT COUNCIL  
DOES



ELECTION  
PROCESS



QUESTIONS

# 2026 General Local Election

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Election of**

**1 Mayor**

**4 Councillors**

**4 Year  
Term**





# Why You Should Run for Council



Community service



To lead positive change



You value honest and informed government



You want to contribute your knowledge and perspective



You want to represent your community



Learn new things and make new connections

# Why Local Government Matters



Clean Drinking Water



Safe Municipal Roads



Recreation, parks and public spaces



Emergency Response



Local decision making



Advocacy to other levels of government



# Why Not to Run for Council



You have a pet project



You think you or your business will benefit



You expect that you will manage staff



You need the money



You think that the government runs/ should run like a business



You're mad as heck at the incumbents

# Things to consider



Time commitment and scheduling



Public visibility, comment and scrutiny



Impact to personal and family life



Comfort with difficult decisions and conversations



Consider conflicts of interest

# Common Myths

You have to  
be retired to  
run for  
Council

Council is a  
good way to be  
appreciated by  
the community

You can  
direct  
municipal  
staff

All that is needed  
to increase  
services is a bit of  
can-do attitude

Being a  
Councillor is  
easy, just a  
couple of  
meetings a  
month

You can fix  
everything  
you  
campaigned  
on

Council is a  
good way to  
give my  
business an  
advantage

I need to know  
everything  
about  
municipal  
government



# What are Council responsibilities?

Determine the strategic direction for the community

Adopt bylaws and policies

Approve budgets

Determine service levels

Hire and evaluate the Chief Administrative Officer

Consider the well-being and interests of the municipality and its community

Engage with the community

Represent residents

Make decisions that consider both current and future generations





# What does Council do?

Attend Council and committee meetings

Sit on external boards and committees

Read agendas, reports, correspondence, emails and background materials

Participate in collective decision making at Council meetings

Listen to residents and bring community concerns and ideas to the table

Attend and participate in conferences, training sessions, meetings with stakeholders and community events

Ask questions, participate in discussions and be prepared to make informed decisions

**Council governs. Staff manage and operate the municipality.**

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# What Does A Mayor Do?

- In addition to the responsibilities as a member of Council, the Mayor also:
- Chairs Council meetings
- Approves agendas with input from CAO
- Acts as the official spokesperson of Council
- Represents Daajing Giids with other governments
- Provides political leadership
- Facilitates decision making
- Liaises with the CAO to move Council decisions forward

**While the Mayor has additional leadership responsibilities, each member of Council, including the Mayor, has one vote**



# What legislation governs local government?

## Community Charter

Provides municipalities with powers related to:

- Governance and bylaws
- Municipal services
- Property and taxation
- Financial management
- Council meetings and accountability

## Local Government Act

Provides authority and rules related to:

- Elections
- Land-use planning and zoning
- Public hearings
- Regional Districts
- Other local government matters

**These pieces of legislation grant municipalities the authority to act. If an action is not authorized by legislation, Council cannot undertake it**

# Council Makes Decisions Collectively

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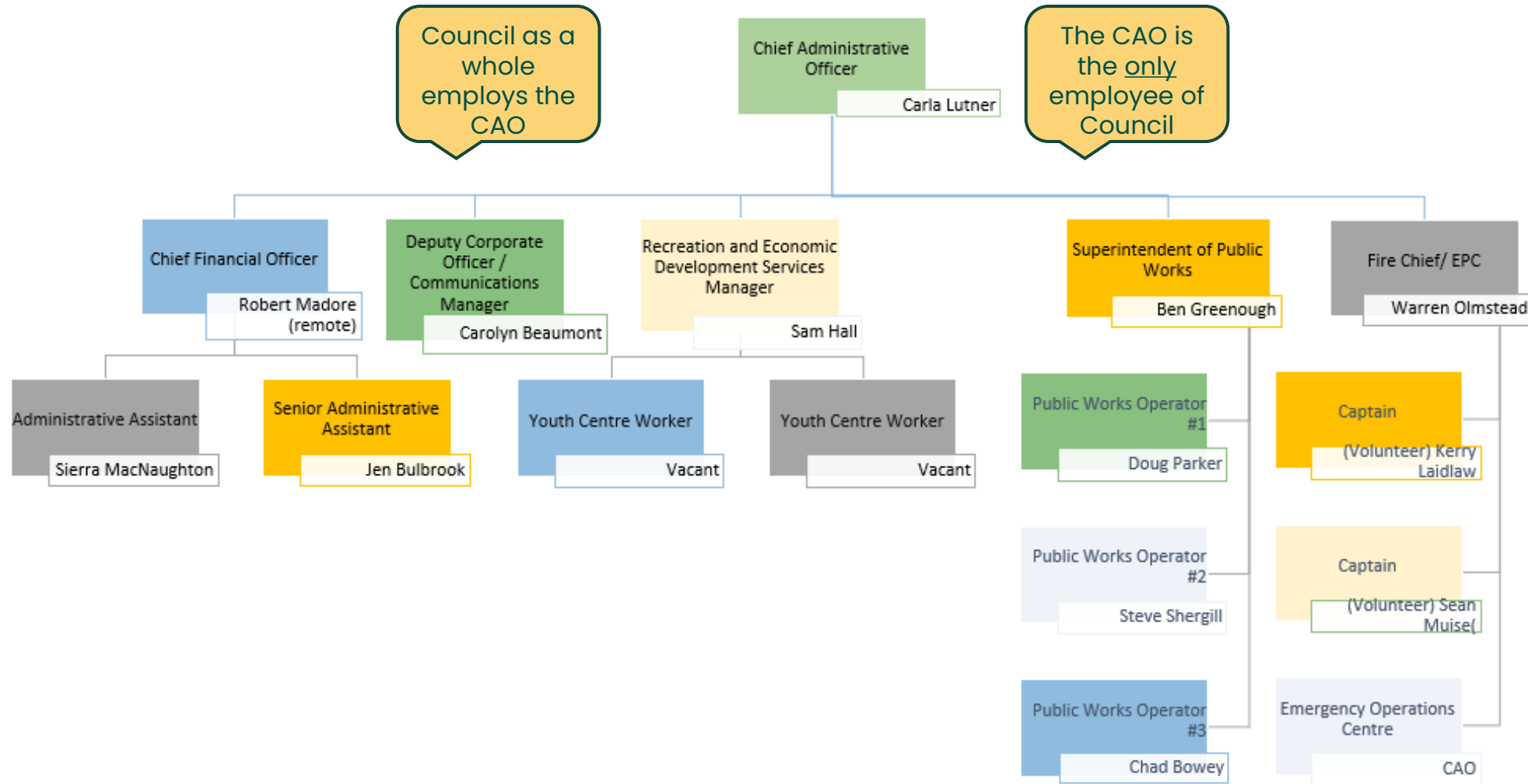
- No individual Councillor has authority outside of the collective
- The Mayor cannot make decisions alone
- Authority exists when Council acts as a collective within a duly constituted meeting.
- Members of Council are expected to support decisions of the whole despite how they voted.







## Organizational Structure







**Municipal Services** 15



# Role of Staff

- Provides advice
- Implements policy
- Administers spending
- Delivers services
- Implements approved projects
- Provides technical expertise and performs research into issues
- Elected officials do not have regular contact with staff, nor do they perform or supervise roles or duties assigned to staff
- CAO manages overall operations.





# What's the Time Commitment?

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## Meetings:

Council Meetings: 26

Public Hearings: 1

Committee of the Whole: 8

Committee Meetings:

Youth Advisory: 3

Emergency Management  
Executive: 8

Wastewater Advisory: 3;  
Wastewater Steering: 9

Additional Board and committee  
appointments







# Meetings

- Meetings are held on Mondays starting at 7PM
- Meetings are held in person in Village Chambers but remote attendance is available
- Committee of the Whole meetings are as needed and are often scheduled to precede the meeting (at 6PM)
- Meetings are public by default though portions of the meeting may be closed
- Council committee meetings are as needed
- Several external community committees and boards also have a Council member appointed

# What's the Time Commitment

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## Conferences

UBCM (Full week in September) entire Council has opportunity to attend

AVICC- one Council member attends

## Ongoing

Connecting with the community, emails, review of materials, attending and/ or participating in community events

## Ad Hoc

Training, ceremonial events, etc.







# Remuneration

## **Honoraria & Allowances**

**Mayor:** \$15062.88\*

**Councillor:** \$8988.12\*

Communications : \$1000

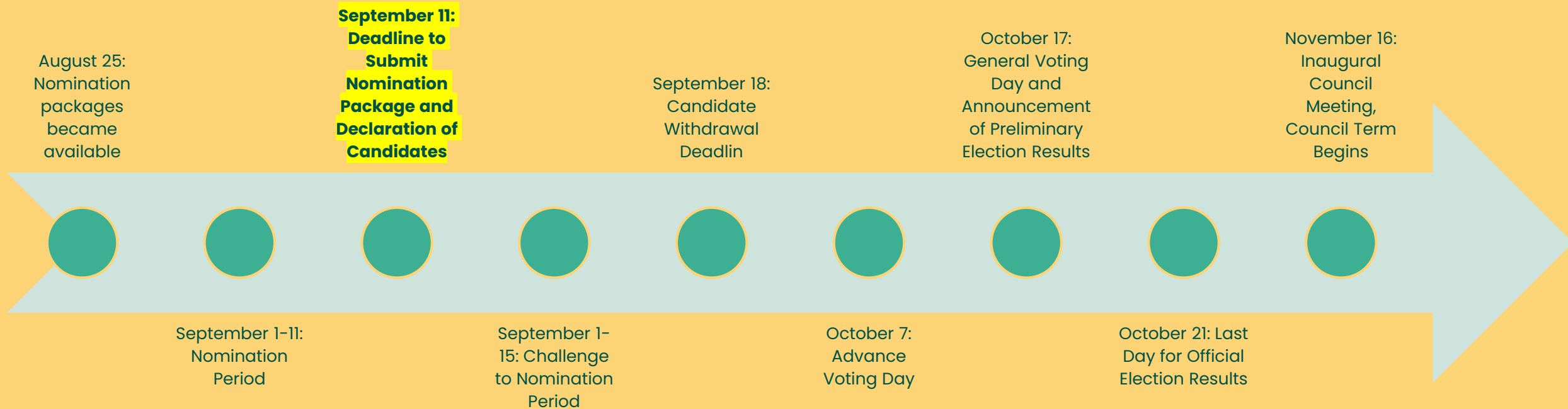
Reimbursement of expenses  
while travelling on municipal  
business

## **Benefits**

Pacific Blue Cross: Extended  
medical and dental

Medical Travel

# Election Important Dates





# Requirements to be a candidate

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day
- Canadian citizen
- Resident of BC for at least 6 months
- Be nominated by at least two eligible electors
- Federal employees must seek permission from the Public service Commission of Canada
- Daajing Giids and NCRD employees would need to take a leave of absence to run and resign if elected.
- Not disqualified

# Filing your nomination



**Nomination forms will be available at the Village of Daajing Giids municipal office or online at [www.daajinggiids.ca](http://www.daajinggiids.ca).**



**The deadline is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4PM sharp. Late submissions are not accepted.**



**Nomination period:  
September 1–11, 2026**



**Filing deadline:  
September 11 at 4PM**

**Two eligible nominators required**



# Election rules



**Scrutineers**



**Campaigning**



**Voting Day Protocol**



**Election Offences**

<https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/2026-general-local-elections/>

# Scrutineers

- A scrutineer is a candidate representative appointed to observe the conduct of voting and counting proceedings
- If you appoint a scrutineer, you must advise the Chief Election Officer as soon as practicable
- 1 scrutineer at a time per candidate may attend at the voting place
- Scrutineers must check in upon arrival
- May look at voting books but cannot touch them



# Campaigning

- Local Elections Campaign Financing Act regulates campaign financing and election advertising
- This includes who can contribute to a campaign, how expenses are authorized and tracked and how these are reported.
- Inquiries should be directed to Elections BC

# Voting Day Protocol

- Candidates must not be present at any voting day except to vote
- Counting takes place immediately after the close of voting on General Voting Day
- Candidates and candidate representatives/scrutineers are entitled to be present for counting
- Do not canvass, post, display or distribute election advertising, any material that identifies a candidate, or carry, wear or supply a flag, badge, or other thing indicating support for a candidate while voting and within 100 metres of the voting location on voting days



# Resources

- [Elections BC 2026 General Local Elections](#)
- [Thinking About Running for Local Office?](#)
- [What Every Candidate Needs to Know](#)
- [General Local Elections 101](#)
- [Scrutineer's Guide to Local Elections in BC](#)
- [Being an effective elected official](#)
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# Questions?

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