

Dear Haíłzaqv Community,

On behalf of Haíłzaqv Joint Leadership, we are happy to announce that the Haíłzaqv Constitution has been finalized, and we will now be having a referendum, where we will vote to approve it.

We want to say *giáxsiřa* to all those who helped shape the Haíłzaqv Constitution. We appreciate everyone who attended the engagements and consultation sessions. We are grateful for all the community members who helped guide the development of the Haíłzaqv Constitution and provided feedback on it. This would not be possible without you.

This is all Haíłzaqv people's Constitution. Now, we will be having a vote on the approval of it, where all eligible voters will vote whether to approve our Haíłzaqv Constitution. To be eligible to vote you need to be a Haíłzaqv Band Member and 18 years or older on the referendum date of February 20, 2025.

- Online voting begins February 6, 2025.
- In-person advanced voting will be on February 18, 2025, at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre.
- In-person regular voting will be on February 20, 2025, at the Haíłzaqv Big House.

We will continue to engage and educate our community on the Constitution and what it means for our Nation. The following is our formal engagement schedule for this month. We hope to see everyone at this month's engagement sessions!

- Online Zoom engagements will be held on January 16 and January 30. From 6 - 8 PM.
- In-person engagement in Nanaimo at the Coast Bastion from 6-8 PM on January 18, 2025.
- In-person in Vancouver at the Aboriginal Friendship Centre from 6-8 PM on January 20, 2025.
- In-person Bella Bella at the Haíłzaqv Big House from 6-8 PM on January 28, 2025.

Please email us at Heiltsuk.Constitution@Heiltsuk.ca you have any questions or require further information.

See the final draft of the Constitution [here.](#)

See the notice of referendum [here.](#)

See the online voting registration and instructions [here.](#)

Giáxsiřa!

The Haíłzaqv Constitution Team