

**LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

January 10, 2001

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** held at 3:40 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, in the 3rd floor conference room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE:	ALTERNATE:
North Vancouver District	Mayor Don Bell (Chair)	Cameron Thorn
Village of Anmore	Mayor Hal Weinberg	
City of Coquitlam	Councillor Louella Hollington	Robin Hicks
Corporation of Delta	Councillor Vicki Huntington	Dave Ellenwood (departed 4:22 p.m.)
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew (departed 4:35 p.m.)	Marino Piombini
District of Maple Ridge		Ron Riach
City of Richmond	Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt	
District of Squamish	Mayor Corinne Lonsdale (departed 4:14 p.m.)	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
David Didluck	LMTAC Executive Director	
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Communications Coordinator	
Rae Ratslef	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	
GUESTS:		
Councillor Jeanne Eddington, City of Surrey (departed 4:31 p.m.)		
Katherine Gordon, BC Team South (departed 4:22 p.m.)		
Cory Herrera, BC Team South (departed 4:22 p.m.)		
Paul Skydt, GVRD Parks (departed 4:22 p.m.)		

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 January 10, 2001 Executive Committee Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled January 10, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 December 13, 2000 Executive Committee Minutes

It was MOVED (Halsey-Brandt) and SECONDED (Huntington)

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held December 13, 2000, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 December 8, 2000 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee Minutes

2.3 December 6, 2000 Communications Subcommittee Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the LMTAC Finance and Organizational and Communications Subcommittees held December 8 and 6, 2000, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Greenways Presentation to LMTAC/Provincial Negotiators

Paul Skydt, GVRD Parks, referencing overheads, provided a slide presentation titled "Planning for Greenways". Mr. Skydt's presentation included information regarding:

- evolution of the Regional Parks & Greenway Plan originating from the Livable Region Strategic Plan;
- sector planning schedule for areas of the lower mainland (1993-2001);
- purpose of the sector plans in identifying greenway corridors;
- planning process for the development and implementation of sector plans;
- determining factors supporting the need for regional greenways, including:
 - regional growth and park use; and
 - increased participation rates in outdoor activities;
- definition of and types of greenways (natures, developed/multi-use and urban pathways);
- elements of greenways (including corridors, staging areas, water crossings);
- sector greenway maps connecting municipalities;
- importance of regional dykes to the greenways system (including public ownership, access to waterfront, recreational use, support of eco-tourism and management of critical fish and wildlife habitats);
- illustration of the extent of dykes that are part of the parks and greenway system; and
- actual and estimated potential recreational use of dykes within the GVRD.

Following his presentation, Mr. Skydt responded to members questions with additional information regarding:

- the importance of closing gaps in the dyking system to create a seamless greenway corridor between municipalities;
- greenway corridors valued role in anchoring parks and in acting as independent recreational corridors; and
- GVRD's past private land negotiations and continued efforts to acquire fee-simple parcels and to utilize the lower mainland's utility networks in building the greenways system.

Request for Action

Paul Skydt was requested to provide additional information regarding the Boundary Bay parks and dykes to BC Team South representatives.

Mayor Lonsdale reported regarding the difficulties experienced by the District of Squamish in obtaining access to and acquisition of easements. Also, it was stressed that municipalities' main concern regarding ownership of dykes is with respect to ensuring the continued integrity of dykes to protect the lands behind.

Mr. Skydt commented regarding the relationship between the GVRD's Greenways Plan and the responsibilities for dyking maintenance. In some instances the GVRD has a long term lease on dyke properties and is responsible for maintaining these for recreational purposes while the local municipalities are responsible for maintaining the safety and integrity of the same dykes.

4:14 p.m.

Mayor Corinne Lonsdale departed the meeting.

A member commented concerning the government's responsibilities pertaining to dyke maintenance and stressed the need to communicate this to the First Nations seeking to assume control of the dykes. The Committee's concerns with respect to continued monitoring and enforcement of dyke standards were restated.

4:22 p.m.

Councillor Huntington and Dave Ellenwood, Corporation of Delta, Katherine Gordon and Cory Herrera, BC Team South, and Paul Skydt, GVRD Parks, departed the meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Change to LMTAC Operating Procedures

Document titled "Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee Operating Procedures – Proposed Amendment (Changes in Bold Face)".

It was MOVED (Halsey-Brandt) and SECONDED (Weinberg)

That the LMTAC Executive Committee recommend the Board approve the following amendments to the LMTAC Operating Procedures:

- a) Section 11.2 (d), add the following "Calculation of the most economic means of travel should take into consideration the comparative costs of meals, parking, mileage and other expenses. The sum of these expenses when incurred with a less expensive form of travel (e.g. ferry transportation) can outweigh the costs of a more expensive form of travel (e.g. float plan service)."; and
- b) Section 11.2 (c), replace "must not" with "should not".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Review of Draft Communications Plan 2001

Document titled "Draft LMTAC Communications Plan 2001".

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Halsey-Brandt)

That the LMTAC Executive Committee recommend the Board:

- a) amend the 2001 LMTAC budget to appropriately show the unexpended funds from 2000 for web consulting on the 2001 LMTAC budget; and
- b) endorse the Communications Plan 2001.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Chair

Chair Bell reported that the former Vice Chair, Councillor James Coleridge, was not reappointed to LMTAC in 2001 by his appointing body and advised that responses to a survey sent to members regarding internal communications will be reviewed at a future meeting.

5.2 Executive Director

David Didluck, Executive Director, advised that notes concerning foreshore ownership and sub-surface resources and a report stating the pros and cons of foreshore ownership would be considered at the next meeting.

Mr. Didluck further noted that staff is completing the process of receiving the appointment and reappointment letters from LMTAC members and that the elections of officers and subcommittee members would occur at the January 24, 2001 LMTAC Board meeting. An orientation session for new and interested members has been scheduled February 1, 2001.

5.3 Communications Subcommittee

No Communications Subcommittee report was presented at the meeting.

5.4 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee

No Finance and Organizational Subcommittee report was presented at the meeting.

5.5 Negotiation Table Reports

No Negotiation Table Reports were presented at the meeting.

4:31 p.m.

Councillor Jeanne Eddington departed the meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Provincial Responses – FVTAC/LMTAC Comparison Document

Document dated November 16, 2000, prepared by LMTAC/FVTAC Staff, titled "LMTAC/FVTAC Perspectives on Key Treaty Issues with Provincial Responses Comparison Document".

David Didluck, Executive Director, introduced the document and advised that FVTAC is scheduled to present their interests at the LMTAC Board's February 28, 2001 meeting.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to highlight any differences in the provincial responses to LMTAC and FVTAC for ease of references.

6.2 Streamside Protection Policy Directive Follow-up

- a) *Excerpt from the LMTAC Executive Committee Regular Meeting held December 13, 2000 regarding Item 4.2, "Streamside Protection Policy Directive"; and*
- b) *Emails dated December 18, 2000 from Ellen Frisch and Michelle Carr, regarding "Discussion with LMTAC re: Fish Protection Act and Streamside Protection".*

Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, introduced the document for discussion. In the ensuing discussion question was raised concerning whether the federal and provincial fish protection initiatives will apply to First Nations post-treaty and if so, who will be responsible for associated monitoring and enforcement initiatives.

4:35 p.m.

Mayor Ralph Drew departed the meeting.

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Hollington)

THAT the LMTAC Executive direct the Chair to write a letter to the appropriate agencies to seek clarification concerning whether the federal and provincial fish protection initiatives will apply to First Nations Treaty Settlement Lands, recognizing that First Nations are unlikely to be considered as "local governments" post-treaty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Setting Priorities for the New Year: LMTAC Workplan 2001

David Didluck, Executive Director, advised that staff has been working with the subcommittees to set milestones for 2001 in order to measure accomplishments at year-end. A draft Workplan has been completed and will be presented to the Board at its January meeting.

Discussion ensued during which a member provided information regarding the government's formation of special committees to discuss education and the school system. It was suggested that government be approached to consider establishing a similar set of committees to determine its policies with respect to treaties. Alternately, it was suggested that LMTAC develop a White Paper of proposed provincial treaty mandates for government's consideration.

4:50 p.m.

Councillor Vicki Huntington returned to the meeting.

Further discussion pertained to the evolution of the treaty process in British Columbia, including Aboriginal peoples special legal status under Section 35 of the Constitution, and concerning citizen's perceived related expectations. The need for LMTAC to be in touch with the basic principles of British Columbia's citizens in this regard was noted.

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Hollington)

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee recommend the Board consider the issue of preparing a White Paper of proposed provincial treaty mandates for the government's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INFORMATION

The LMTAC Executive Committee received for information the following:

- 7.1 Correspondence;
- 7.2 Agenda Deadlines 2001;
- 7.3 Honorarium and Expense Form; and
- 7.4 Media Clippings and BC Media Monitor.

8. CONCLUSION

The Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive held January 10, 2001 concluded at 5:04 p.m.