

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

March 9, 2005

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in the 2nd Floor Café East Boardroom, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair) (arrived 2:20 p.m.)	Marino Piombini
Maple Ridge, District of	Councillor Candace Gordon (Vice Chair)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett	
Squamish-Lillooet District	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Manager	
Regan Schlecker	Aboriginal Affairs Analyst	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Carrie Peacock	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	

Call to Order

Vice Chair Gordon confirmed a quorum was in attendance, and called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 March 9, 2005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled March 9, 2005, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 February 9, 2005 LMTAC Executive Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 9, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

No delegations were received at the meeting.

Agenda Varied

The order of the Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider Item 5 prior to Item 4.

5. TABLE PROGRESS REPORTS

5.1a) Katzie

Letter from the GVRD CAO to the LMTAC Chair regarding "Perspectives on Regional Sustainability: GVRD-Katzie First Nation Presentations and Discussion Session – Tuesday, April 26, 2005 (10am-3pm)", dated February 10, 2005, and an accompanying Draft Agenda for the event.

Vice Chair Gordon, LMTAC Representative to the Katzie Treaty Table, referenced the April 26, 2005 meeting with Katzie and the GVRD relative to regional sustainability.

It was further noted that Katzie was active relative to fisheries issues, and had met with other First Nations regarding overlap issues.

2:20 p.m.

Chair Drew arrived at the meeting and assumed the Chair.

Marino Piombini added that the session would be informal and would include presentations; a luncheon; and discussions relative to GVRD and Katzie's visions of sustainability for the region. It was noted that representatives had been invited to attend from local governments including: Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Surrey and Langley Township.

Vice Chair Gordon noted that interested LMTAC representatives were welcomed to attend the session.

Request for Action

LMTAC staff was directed to circulate correspondence to LMTAC members for this event.

It was further noted that similar processes could be held separately with other First Nations. Mr. Piombini acknowledged the BC Treaty Commission's plans for a similar session focused on sustainability and other issues, which would be open to all First Nations and local government representatives.

5.1b) Musqueam

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, referenced recent media coverage relative to the University of BC golf course, and acknowledged that a Framework Agreement signing ceremony anticipated in early April 2005.

Marino Piombini referenced a recent decision of the Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District (GVSD) Board pertaining to the release of information to other levels of government (including federal and provincial Ministers responsible), regarding taxes sought by Musqueam relative to GVSD sewer and water lines. During ensuing discussions, it was noted that the GVSD's decision followed unsuccessful attempts since 1991 to resolve the issue; and that other local governments were not taxing sewer and water lines.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

No items were presented.

5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh

Items distributed for information:

- a) *Context Summary for the Tsleil-Waututh Table, labeled "Public" and dated March 9, 2005; and*
- b) *LMTAC Staff Summary of the Tsleil-Waututh Treaty Negotiations, Intergovernmental Relations Luncheon, held February 16, 2005.*

No other items were presented.

5.1f) Other

No items were presented.

4. LMTAC REPORTS
4.1 Review of LMTAC First Principles

On-table items:

- a) *LMTAC Report Flow Summary: Review of the LMTAC First Principles;*
- b) *LMTAC Report titled "Review of the LMTAC First Principles"; and related attachments::*
 - *Chart titled "Existing LMTAC First Principles Identified for Further Discussion"; and*
 - *Process to Review or Add LMTAC First Principles, Proposed Schedule for Revising LMTAC's First Principles.*

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, referenced the on-table documents provided, and led the meeting in a review of the "Summary of First Principle Review Activities (October 2003 – January 2005)" portion of the report. She added that the review of LMTAC's First Principles had been a Workplan item since 2003, and that due to pending elections it was currently a good time to continue the review process. Benefits of the opportunity for new members to review the First Principles were also acknowledged.

Ms. Schlecker added that the results of the comments submitted by member jurisdictions during the review process had been compiled into the on-table chart "Existing LMTAC First Principles Identified for Further Discussion". It was noted that the cross-hatched rows of the chart indicated First Principles, which table representatives and at least three other LMTAC representatives had identified as requiring revisions; and that the shaded rows of the chart indicated First Principles that member jurisdictions had identified as requiring discussion.

Ms. Schlecker added that the Technical Strategic Working Group (TSWG) had initially addressed the 11 "revision" First Principles and intended to further address the remaining 21 "discussion" First Principles on March 18, 2005, prior to further consideration of the Executive Committee.

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, led the meeting in a review of the "Process to Revise or Add LMTAC First Principles" document, which outlined a proposed timeline for review of the First Principles from March 2005 to September 2005. She acknowledged that most of the changes requested by member jurisdictions were of a technical nature.

Request for Action

It was requested that the document titled "Existing LMTAC First Principles Identified for Further Discussion", include an indication of the number of First Principles requiring only technical amendments or clarifying information.

A member suggested that the next LMTAC Orientation Session include a review of the LMTAC First Principles, and the rationale behind them.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive for information the report titled "Review of the LMTAC First Principles"; and
- b) endorse the recommendation of the Technical Strategic Working Group, to adopt the timeline outlined in the attached document titled "Process to Revise or Add LMTAC First Principles".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further to the request at the February board meeting, concerns were expressed regarding a BCTC Commissioner's comments relative to LMTAC's First Principles, which were provided to a LMTAC Table Representative at a February 16, 2005 intergovernmental relations luncheon meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Chair write to BC Treaty Commission (BCTC) Commissioner Harcourt accompanied by LMTAC's First Principles informing him that:

- it had been five years since the LMTAC First Principles had been adopted by LMTAC;
- a review of the LMTAC First Principles had been scheduled; and

- based on his recent discussion with a LMTAC Table Representative at a February 16, 2005 meeting, he is invited to provide constructive comments regarding the First Principles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

a) Strategic Planning Session

LMTAC Report regarding "Review 2001 Strategic Planning Process (2005 Workplan Item – Finance, Organizational, Communication Specific Project 4)", dated March 2, 2005 and related attachments:

- a) LMTAC Mission Statement, Roles, and Project Screening Guidelines; and*
- b) LMTAC Strategic Planning Process Final Report.*

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, led the meeting in a review of the LMTAC Report titled "Review 2001 Strategic Planning Process", and acknowledged the suggestion from FASC to hold a facilitated Strategic Planning Session in May 2005, with the full LMTAC membership and staff, to review the LMTAC Mission Statement, Priority Roles and Decision-Making Guidelines endorsed in 2001, in accordance with the 2005 Workplan. The distribution of a questionnaire prior to the session was suggested to prompt direct discussions.

Chair Drew acknowledged that LMTAC was established by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and the province.

3:35 p.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett departed the meeting.

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed session, during which the following comments were offered:

- many municipalities used LMTAC as a resource;
- there had been requests from members to "take the pulse" of the organization;
- LMTAC's activities were limited by LMTAC's budget;
- expectations of the review needed to be managed; and
- a facilitator could assist in managing the session, and could ensure the neutrality of the discussions.

Ms. Pirie suggested that a special FASC meeting be held to further address the intent of the Strategic Planning Session, noting that a more detailed timeline for the Board's consideration would be helpful. The need to avoid potential confusions between the Strategic Planning discussions with the First Principles discussions was acknowledged.

3:40 p.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett rejoined the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Executive Committee refer the document "Review 2001 Strategic Planning Process (2005 Workplan Item – Finance, Organizational, Communication Specific Project 4)" to the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee to incorporate additional information relative to the proposed facilitated Strategic Planning Session, and the intended focus of the session's discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The current relationship between the LMTAC and the GVRD Boards was referenced, and the need to clearly convey that LMTAC was established by a MOU between the UBCM and the province, which represented all local governments, was acknowledged.

- b) **Distribution and Storage of LMTAC Information with Member Jurisdictions**
LMTAC Summary of Survey Responses.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee send instructional correspondence to all member jurisdictions, requesting that they develop a policy specifically dealing with LMTAC correspondence which related to highly sensitive information, and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) **Provincial Funding to LMTAC**
Correspondence from the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations to the LMTAC Chair, dated February 15, 2005.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee request that a written request be sent to the Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations relative to the 2005/2006 provincial budget, requesting additional funding for LMTAC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

No items were presented.

7.2 Staff Report

On-table Coil Bound Report titled "Building Relations with First Nations: A Handbook for Local Governments".

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, referenced the second edition of "Building Relations with First Nations", developed in collaboration with the Union of BC Municipalities; noting that the first edition was completed by the LMTAC. She added that a letter would be sent to all LMTAC elected and staff representatives regarding the document.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 UBCM

No items were presented.

8.2 Federal of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No items were presented.

8.3 Lower Mainland Municipal Association (LMMA)

No items were presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Comments were offered relative to the results of the recent election at the Sechelt Indian Band; and regarding the Squamish First Nation's effort's towards a Legacy Agreement relative to an Olympics site.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 Minister Plant's correspondence to the LMTAC Chair, dated February 8, 2005;
- 10.2 Chair Drew's correspondence to Tsleil-Waututh Nation, dated February 24, 2005;
- 10.3 Honorarium and Expense Form;
- 10.4 On-table correspondence from Minister Plant to the GVRD Chair, dated March 3, 2005;

- 10.5 On-table correspondence from Mayor Jackson to Minister Scott; and
10.6 On-table correspondence addressed to LMTAC, dated February 25, 2005 regarding FOIPP Legislation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **CONCLUSION**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held March 9, 2005 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 3:55 p.m.)