

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

March 8, 2006

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Vice Chair)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett (via speakerphone)	
Greater Vancouver RD		Marino Piombini
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Harold Steves	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk (via speakerphone)	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Carrie Peacock	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

Call to Order

Vice Chair Lonsdale confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 March 8, 2006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled March 8, 2006, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION/INFORMATION

2.1 February 15, 2006 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 15, 2006 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 December 14, 2005 FASC

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Finance and Administrative Sub Committee held December 14, 2005 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegations were received.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Representation at Negotiation Tables - Alternates

LMTAC report regarding "Representation at Negotiation Tables – Alternates", dated February 27, 2006.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, acknowledged the Executive Committee's prior request to provide a list of alternate LMTAC Treaty Table Representatives. She reviewed the chart titled "Representation at Negotiation Tables" attached to the subject report, and welcomed comments regarding its content and structure.

Vice Chair Lonsdale added that a primary elected treaty table representative from another table, could be requested to attend any treaty table meetings, as an alternate member. The process for selecting an alternate treaty table representative was reviewed, which included advising the LMTAC office, to prompt the determination of which alternate(s) to contact.

Request for Action

It was requested that the list of potential alternates, titled "Representation at Negotiation Tables", be amended by including all LMTAC Executive Committee members.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive for information the report regarding "Representation at Negotiation Tables - Alternates";
- b) approve as amended, the list of "Table Representative Alternates" provided as Attachment A to the report, in accordance with LMTAC's Operating Procedures Section 8.0 (f); and
- c) direct staff to append the amended Attachment A to LMTAC's Operating Procedures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1a) Katzie

No items were presented.

Agenda Varied

The order of the Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider Item 5.1f) prior to Item 5.1b).

5.1f) Other: Snuneymuxw

Document titled "Snuneymuxw Position Paper on Treaty" sent to the provincial and federal governments.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, led the meeting in a brief review of the position paper, and acknowledged that minimal activity had occurred recently with Snuneymuxw, until the position paper was presented in November 2005. He added that in February 2006 the newly elected Snuneymuxw Chief Viola Wyse had expressed an interest in re-engaging in treaty negotiations.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, added that staff at the City of Nanaimo had received the position paper and were interested in continued discussions with Snuneymuxw. Ms. Schlecker added that the City of Nanaimo and the regional district had been working jointly on issues with the provincial negotiating team. It was noted that the position paper presented left minimal room for discussion, and did not appear to present a progressive approach.

Other: Yale

On-table report titled "Overview – Yale First Nation Agreement-in-Principle"

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, led the meeting in a review of the on-table report titled "Overview – Yale First Nation Agreement-In-Principle (AIP)",

noting that the Yale AIP was approved by the province on March 6, 2006. During the review it was noted that the removal of Emory Creek Provincial Park's official park designation, was based on the area's historical significance to Yale. Mr. Kirsop further acknowledged the AIP's reference to a cash transfer of \$6.5 million.

Request for Action

It was requested that staff seek further information relative to the removal of Emory Creek Provincial Park's official park designation; the potential for no further public access to the park; and the appointment of a replacement provincial park.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referenced additional information relative to the Yale AIP, regarding the exclusion of provincial parks within Yale First Nation's territory.

Request for Action

It was requested that staff seek further information relative to the 'fisheries' section of the Yale AIP, particularly relative to the suggestion that Canada purchase fishing licenses for Yale, which they'd previously refused to do for TFN.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Kirsop confirmed that treaty settlement lands would be held as fee simple lands. Ms. Schlecker added that the issue of shared territory, remained outstanding between Yale and Sto:Lo First Nations, noting that the BC Treaty Commission (BCTC) had been urged to assist in resolving such issues. (Mr. Kirsop clarified that traditional territory in the Yale AIP referred to areas that could be walked to within half a day from Yale.)

5.1b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

On-table excerpt from Delta Municipal Council's February 27, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes, relative to "Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, provided background information relative to Delta's relationship with LMTAC. She noted that Delta had scheduled a meeting with LMTAC's Table Representative on April 3, 2006.

5.1e) Tseil-Waututh

No items were presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC)

On-table documents:

- a) *List of "FASC Recommendations to the Executive Committee", dated March 8, 2006; and*
- b) *LMTAC Report regarding "Proposed Amendments to the 2006 Budget", dated February 27, 2006, and related attachments.*

Vice Chair Lonsdale, Chair of the Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee, led the meeting in a review of the on-table FASC recommendations, which were intended to address the anticipated deficit resulting from a lack of provincial funding. She acknowledged the Sub-Committee's proposal to reduce the frequency of FASC, Executive Committee and Board meetings; reduce the number of FASC and pre-Board Executive Committee Meetings; reduce the honorariums for FASC and Executive Committee members; and reduce the budgets for contract services and membership/tuition/conference fees.

The meeting discussed options for conveying the criticalness of LMTAC's funding needs to the provincial and federal governments. Members suggested the Executive Committee seek a meeting with the Minister regarding LMTAC's funding needs. Prior to requesting the meeting, it was suggested that Bronwen Beedle and Cory Herrera of the provincial negotiating team be contacted and encouraged to support LMTAC in its request of the Minister for funding.

Vice Chair Lonsdale suggested that the proposed letters to the Minister be worded more forcefully, as LMTAC's current financial situation was dire. In the absence of an adequate response from the province, it was suggested that communications with the media regarding the situation be considered.

Members acknowledged LMTAC's seat at the UBCM First Nation Relations Committee, and recognized the importance of local government's participation at treaty tables. The meeting added that LMTAC's efforts and research had been significantly beneficial to the provincial negotiating team, noting that their continued relationship was in the province's best interests.

Ms. Schleckler confirmed annual funding provided by regional districts enabled LMTAC to function at a reduced level, and that \$40,000 was being requested from the province. The importance of LMTAC Board meetings and the LMTAC website, to the provincial negotiating team and the general public was acknowledged.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) endorse the amended budget, including options (a) through (f) for reduced expenditures, effective immediately and subject to review if provincial funding is received;
- b) endorse an exception for the Treaty Table Fund Balance for 2006 at 9.16%;
- c) recommend that the LMTAC Chair send a letter to the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, requesting funding for 2006/2007;
- d) recommend that the LMTAC Chair send an additional letter to the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation requesting that the province cover all extra travel and accommodation costs attributable to treaty table meetings held outside the lower mainland area; and further
- e) request a meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, in Vancouver, at which Chair Drew could present concerns regarding LMTAC's current financial situation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 LMTAC Executive Committee Alternates

On-table documents:

- a) *List of "FASC Recommendations to the Executive Committee", dated March 8, 2006; and*
- b) *LMTAC report regarding "LMTAC Executive Committee Alternates".*

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee endorse the March 8, 2006 FASC recommendation that an additional provision to LMTAC's Operating Procedures section 7.2 Election Procedures be included to clarify existing practice that: "Elected alternates only attend on behalf of the primary elected representatives at LMTAC Board meetings, as elected positions of the LMTAC Executive Committee do not have alternate appointees (with the exception of acclaimed regional district seats and approved table representative alternates)".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 LMTAC Board Monthly Feedback Form

On-table documents:

- a) *List of "FASC Recommendations to the Executive Committee", dated March 8, 2006; and*
- b) *LMTAC report regarding "Monthly Board Feedback Form", and related attachment.*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, acknowledged the intent to introduce monthly LMTAC Board Feedback Forms on a trial basis (on the reverse side of honorarium forms), at the March 2006 LMTAC Board meeting.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, added that the feedback form was a 2005 Workplan item, intended to prompt feedback from members relative to LMTAC.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee endorse the introduction of the Monthly LMTAC Board Feedback Form (on a trial basis) at the March 22, 2006 LMTAC Board Meeting and in fulfillment of LMTAC's Finance, Organizational and Communications Workplan Item #5- implement new monthly board surveys .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

On-table report titled "Update – Lower Mainland Round Table on First Nation – Local Government Relations".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that BC Treaty Commissioner Mike Harcourt had expressed an interest in facilitating the proposed Lower Mainland Round Table on First Nations – Local Government Relations. She added that the BC Treaty Commission (BCTC) had suggested establishing a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from treaty First Nations, LMTAC and others. It was further noted that funding for the meeting, had yet to be confirmed, and that the inaugural Steering Committee meeting had been scheduled on April 4, 2006.

Ms. Schlecker noted that the Steering Committee would consider the intent of the Round Table meeting, and anticipated that a 'Record of Decisions' of their meetings would be developed. Ms. Schlecker added that participation on the Steering Committee of no more than two representatives from each jurisdiction had been requested. It was noted that LMTAC's representation on the committee would include Chair Ralph Drew (Vice Chair Lonsdale as his Alternate), and Regan Schlecker (Mark Kirsop as her Alternate).

7.2 Staff Report

No items were presented.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

No items were presented.

8.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

- a) *UBCM Notice of the "2006 Province-Wide Community-to-Community Forum, on Friday, March 10, 2006"; and*
- b) *On-table agenda for the "Province-Wide Community-to-Community Forum, Moving From Dialogue to Partnership".*

No other items were presented.

8.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No items were presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Marino Piombini acknowledged that the Kwikwetlem First Nation had requested an opportunity to meet with GVRD representatives, and agreed to report back to LMTAC following their discussion.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following:

10.1 Correspondence

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled March 22, 2006.

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held March 8, 2006 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:43 p.m.)