

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

July 11, 2007

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 2:50 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair)	Marino Piombini
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Eric Britton
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon (departed 4:30 p.m.)	
Richmond, City of	Councilor Linda Barnes (departed 4:42 p.m.)	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director John Turner (via teleconference)	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
West Vancouver, City of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Karen Miller	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

Call to Order

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 July 11, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled July 11, 2007, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / INFORMATION

2.1 May 30, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held May 30, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee May 2, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC) held May 2, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegation was received.

4. LMTAC REPORTS

4.1 Summary of Results – Monthly Board Feedback Form

Summary of Results – Monthly Board Feedback From June 27, 2007.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, reviewed feedback received from the meeting of June 27, 2007, including requests for information and related staff recommendations.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive the Monthly Board Feedback report for information; and
- b) review the summary of comments received and direct staff on next steps for Board information requests, as required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Action

With respect to electronic agenda preparation, management and distribution, it was requested that staff forward a combined pdf agenda package to LMTAC members.

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Negotiation Table Reports

5.1a) Katzie

No items were presented.

5.1b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

Context Summary: Status Update – Tsawwassen Final Agreement Ratification Vote, dated July 11, 2007 and related attachment: Making History – A Message from Chief Kim Baird.

Request for Action

It was requested that LMTAC Chair and staff draft a media release on behalf of LMTAC with respect to the Tsawwassen Final Agreement Ratification Vote, and circulate it to LMTAC Executive Committee members for comment.

5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh

No items were presented.

5.1f) Other

Barry Janyk provided a verbal update on Sechelt Band activities.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC)

6.1a) Draft 2008 Budget

- *Draft LMTAC 2008 Budget – Discussion Points for FASC – July 4, 2007; and*
- *LMTAC Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget for the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.*

Councilor Lonsdale reported that the 2007 budget remained on track. However, an increase in the operating budget for 2008 was recognized requiring \$70,182 from the treaty table reserve fund to balance the budget. If the anticipated \$40,000 provincial funding was realized, then alternatives presented could be considered.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee recommend the draft 2008 Budget for Board endorsement and as the basis for preliminary regional district funding requests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1b) Draft Briefing Note on LMTAC Funding

- *Draft Briefing Note on LMTAC Funding, dated July 4, 2007; and*
- *Draft Briefing Note from TSWG Members on the subject: Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Funding.*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, provided an overview of the TSWG and FASC review of the draft briefing note, and comments on LMTAC history and contributions to Lower Mainland treaty negotiations. The special role of LMTAC in the treaty process was highlighted; other work undertaken by LMTAC was acknowledged; and LMTAC funding sources were commented on recognizing LMTAC's fiscally responsible operations.

Members offered the following additional comments:

- with respect to LMTAC Policy work, First Nations groups have received background and discussion papers, and found them to be valuable;
- the value of municipal input and staff involvement in TSWG was recognized and should be quantified;
- the document does a good job of establishing the credibility of LMTAC, the format was very easy to read, and more promotion of LMTAC was recognized as beneficial;
- the last sentence on page 30, could be deleted, and a stronger "ask" statement could be added;
- municipal councils may find the last sentence helpful as it is;
- some mention should be made of the long term sustainability (i.e. less ability to communicate, fewer meetings);
- rather than start with "despite no anticipated decrease in LMTAC..." the start of the last sentence could include a phrase focused around consideration of "expected increase in activities...";
- consequences to the elimination of regular provincial funding should be better described (i.e. reduced by approx. \$80,000); and
- as the audience may vary, a selection of briefing notes could be developed, and tailored to meet specific needs.

Request for Action

LMTAC Executive Committee endorsed in principle the Draft Briefing Note on LMTAC Funding, and requested that revisions as discussed be incorporated and the revised document then be circulated electronically to the LMTAC Executive prior to being forwarded to the LMTAC Board.

Agenda Varied

The Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider Item 9.2 prior to Item 7.

9.2 Table Representation at Tsleil-Waututh – Elected Alternate

Excerpt – LMTAC Operating Procedures (8.0 Representation at Negotiation Tables).

Chair Drew recognized the Belcarra and GVRD interests in the Tsleil-Waututh area, and expressed his interest in being the elected alternate to the Tsleil-Waututh Table.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT further to the request of LMTAC's Table Representative at Tsleil-Waututh, Mayor Ralph Drew be named as the elected alternate to the Tsleil-Waututh Table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4:30 p.m.

Councillor Nixon departed the meeting.

7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

No report provided.

7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, indicated that she would be on vacation during August, but would be in the office August 13-17, 2007 to care for LMTAC matters.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee

Marino Piombino provided a verbal update on the Special Joint Meeting with Waste Management and Water Committees held Friday, July 6, 2007.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Kositsky noted that the next FVTAC Board Meeting was scheduled July 24, 2007.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Chair Drew indicated that the next UBCM Aboriginal Relations Committee was scheduled July 19, 2007.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Correspondence relative to the new Board was anticipated.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Opportunities for Public Education on Treaties

- *LMTAC Mission Statement;*
- *BC News Release dated June 7, 2007 – Funds Support Public Education About Treaties;*
and
- *BC News Release dated May 23, 2007 – Fund Support Local Government Interests in Treaties.*

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, commented on the importance of a more proactive approach to communications. News Releases relative to monies provided to the BC Treaty Commission and UBCM for activities related to communications were discussed. It was suggested that LMTAC could encourage BCTC and UBCM to undertake further communications. Opportunities for better dialogue further to BC's New Relationship were commented on. A member suggested that a protocol be developed that would see local government communications with the province improved.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Executive Committee correspond with Minister de Jong to recommend the creation of an advisory council to recommend opportunities to communicate aspects of the New Relationship with communities and the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Action

It was requested that a Letter to Minister DeJong be drafted by staff in cooperation with Councillor Lonsdale to propose the concept of an advisory committee on communication.

It was felt that BCTC was the appropriate body to take on improved public education (i.e. side agreements; and likely consequences of treaties). The role of LMTAC was noted, recognizing that LMTAC does not want to become involved in provincial politics. The First Principles of LMTAC were acknowledged as beneficial for sharing and supporting BCTC to take on an improved communication role. Approachability of LMTAC as part of a team relationship was highlighted.

4:52 p.m.

Councillor Barnes departed the meeting.

Request for Action

It was requested that a letter be drafted to BCTC (copied to Minister de Jong) identifying the public communication gap, and that the letter be circulated to LMTAC Executive Committee members for comment.

10. INFORMATION

The LMTAC Executive Committee received for information the following items:

10.1 Correspondence.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled for July 25, 2007 (only as required).

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held July 11, 2007 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:55 p.m.)