

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

February 14, 2007

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 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)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett (arrived 3:00 p.m.)	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Eric Britton
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Linda Barnes	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
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

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:52 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 February 14, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled February 14, 2007 be adopted as presented.

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2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 January 31, 2007 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held January 31, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

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3. DELEGATIONS

No delegations were received.

4. LMTAC REPORTS

4.1 *Unity Protocol Agreement:*

Six Key Issues for Examination by LMTAC

LMTAC report regarding "Unity Protocol Agreement – Six Key Issues for Examination by LMTAC", dated February 5, 2007 and related attachments.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referenced the proposed strategy for LMTAC to undertake a closer examination of the six key policy items highlighted within the First Nations Unity Protocol Agreement.

Ms. Schlecker acknowledged that on January 18, 2007, five additional First Nations, including Tsleil-Waututh, had signed onto the agreement. It was noted that the Unity Protocol was the response of several First Nation communities to their frustrations with the B.C. treaty process.

She added that the agreement intended to engage Canada and BC in negotiations relative to six key issues, noting that LMTAC had outlined a proposed approach, for addressing those issues in the following prioritized order: constitutional status of treaty lands; co-management throughout traditional territories (and potentially including fisheries); governance; fiscal relations and taxation; certainty; and fisheries (if addressed as a separate topic).

Ms. Schlecker reviewed the intent to examine the issues, provide context on the topics, and consider implications for local government. Additionally it was noted that further policy development may be required. She added that she was already in contact with UBCM in regards to the Unity Protocol, and it was LMTAC's intention to share information relative to discussions with the province in this regard.

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Councillor Barrett arrived at the meeting.

Main Motion:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) endorse the proposed approach outlined in Section 3 of the report titled "Unity Protocol Agreement – Six Key Issues for Examination by LMTAC", regarding LMTAC's examination of the six key policy issues identified within the *Unity Protocol*;
- b) recommend the LMTAC Board endorse the approach as further direction to staff on the 2007 Workplan; and
- c) direct staff to initiate policy work immediately and according to the priority indicated.

Amendment to the Main Motion:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT section c) of the main motion be amended to read:

- c) direct LMTAC staff to:
 - i. conduct additional research on the ramifications of the *Unity Protocol*;
 - ii. continue to monitor the issue; and
 - iii. report back to the LMTAC Executive Committee as soon as further actions are deemed necessary.

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Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

The question was then called on the main motion as amended and it was

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4.2 Summary of Results - Monthly Board Feedback Form

LMTAC report regarding "Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 2007", dated February 6, 2007 and related attachments.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, referenced comments received from LMTAC representatives on the monthly feedback forms. He then led the meeting in a review of the recommendations contained in the LMTAC report titled "Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 2007".

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That LMTAC staff:

- a) distribute the Tsawwassen Final Agreement Real Property Tax Coordination Agreement to LMTAC Board members, as soon as a copy has been made available by the province; and
- b) invite federal and/or provincial representatives to a future LMTAC Board meeting to discuss matters related to fiscal relations and taxation within the Tsawwassen Final Agreement.

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That LMTAC staff:

- a) request from provincial negotiators a listing of the First Nations with shared territory issues with the Tsawwassen Final Agreement;
- b) request regular verbal updates from provincial negotiators at future LMTAC Board meetings regarding progress-to-date on shared territory/overlap issues and other key outstanding issues; and
- c) create and display at future LMTAC Board meetings, a larger version of an existing LMTAC map, indicating the overlapping First Nation Statement of Intent areas.

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Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, noted that the Comparative Analysis received compliments from the provincial negotiator at the Tsleil-Waututh table. He added that Tsleil-Waututh and Federal TNO representatives were referred to the analysis by way of the LMTAC website.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the LMTAC report titled "Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 2007".

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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**
No items were presented.
- 5.1e) **Tsleil-Waututh**
No items were presented.
- 5.1f) **Other**
No items were presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

Councillor Lonsdale, Chair, Finance and Administration Sub-Committee, acknowledged the positive financial position of the organization as of year end. It was noted that the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee was scheduled March 7, 2007. Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, also noted that preparations for the 2006 audit were underway.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

On-table LMTAC memorandum regarding "Lower Mainland Treaty Table Representation", dated February 8, 2007.

Chair Drew reminded LMTAC Treaty Table Representatives to inform LMTAC staff in the event that they were unable to attend a treaty table meeting.

Request for Action

It was requested that the memorandum be revised to provide clarity regarding the alternate member able to attend on behalf of a Treaty Table Representative.

Chair Drew announced that he and the Managing Director would be meeting with Bronwen Beedle, Chief Negotiator, Provincial Treaty Negotiations Office, on February 15, 2007, to discuss LMTAC's future involvement during the implementation phase, following initialing of the Tsawwassen treaty. He added that information regarding the discussion would be subsequently reported to the LMTAC Board.

The meeting was further informed that the discussion between the LMTAC Chair, Managing Director and the Vancouver City Council had been rescheduled to mid-March 2007.

7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, informed the meeting that the LMTAC "Comparative Analysis" was now available on the LMTAC website. She added that a federal delegation would be invited to the March 28, 2007 LMTAC Board Meeting, to discuss inconsistencies relative to fisheries, tax and fiscal issues. Members were welcomed to submit additional topics for discussion in advance, to ensure the appropriate federal representatives were invited to attend. Ms. Schlecker added that efforts would be made to extend an invitation to provincial negotiator, Corinne Shepherd, to attend the March 28, 2007 LMTAC Board meeting to provide members with an overview of the current status of AIP tables. It was further noted that no provincial or federal delegations were expected to attend the February LMTAC Board meeting.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that the first GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee Meeting for 2007 was scheduled for March 2, 2007. It was also noted that the GVRD Finance Committee was scheduled to meet on February 15, 2007, and and Marino Piombini, GVRD, and the LMTAC Managing Director prepared an information report (as requested by the GVRD Finance Committee) regarding how TAC groups were funded across the province.

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8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referenced an invitation received to a "Regional Community to Community Forum" on March 29, 2007, at which LMTAC participation had been requested.

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8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

On-Table UBCM correspondence to the LMTAC Chair regarding "MARR Funding for Local Governments in Treaty Negotiations", dated February 13, 2007.

Chair Drew referenced UBCM meetings held February 1-2, 2007 which focused on the disbursement of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) funding. He noted that the letter also advised, that after consideration of UBCM's guiding principles, LMTAC

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did not qualify for 'additional' funding. It was noted that decisions regarding the disbursement of funds followed UBCM's discussions with ministry staff regarding funding provided to TACs. Concerns were expressed regarding the distribution of provincial contributions through UBCM. The meeting was informed that Chair Drew was the only TAC representative on the UBCM First Nation Relations Committee.

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It was noted that as per the Board recommendation on January 31, 2007, LMTAC staff distributed copies of the Comparative Analysis by way of formal letters to the Minister, and MPs and MLAs from the Greater Vancouver area. Other interested bodies were provide with electronic copies. The meeting was informed that many who reviewed the analysis were surprised by its comprehensiveness, so soon after the initialing of the treaty.

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Chair Drew added that UBCM staff was impressed with the Comparative Analysis, and noted that other TACs may not have completed similar post-treaty analyses. The meeting suggested that the use of LMTAC information be tracked, and conveyed to the Minister, to support LMTAC's future funding requests.

It was noted that the next UBCM meetings were scheduled in April 2007, during which a First Nations Relations Committee Meeting would be held with the Minister, regarding the importance of information sharing.

Request for Action

It was requested that LMTAC staff provide the Executive Committee with a listing of local governments and TAC groups, along with their respective funding amounts, to which UBCM disbursed the \$100,000 it received from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

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8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

It was noted that next FCM Board Meeting was scheduled at the end of February 2007.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No items were presented

10. INFORMATION

No items were presented

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled February 28, 2007 (if required).

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 14, 2007 be concluded.

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(Time: 4:22 p.m.)