

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

**April 9, 2008**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Café East Meeting Room, Metro Vancouver, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>		
<b>JURISDICTION:</b>	<b>ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:</b>	<b>STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:</b>
Metro Vancouver (RD)	Mayor Ralph Drew ( <b>Chair</b> )	Marino Piombini
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky (arrived 3:48 p.m.)	
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Linda Barnes	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Sunshine Coast (RD)	Director Barry Janyk (departed 4:45 p.m.)	
West Vancouver, City of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson	
<b>LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:</b>		
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
<b>PREPARATION OF MINUTES:</b>		
Rae Ratslef	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

**Call to Order**

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

**1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION**

**1.1 April 9, 2008**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled April 9, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

**2.1 March 12, 2008**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held March 12, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.2 October 3, 2007 Finance & Administration Sub-Committee**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Administration Sub-Committee held October 3, 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 – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, March 2008*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, advised that two feedback forms had been received the prior month. Relative to feedback received, he confirmed that staff do request and provide copies of the presentation materials provided by delegations; and that a copy of the recently received MARR presentation on Comprehensive Master Agreements would be provided in the next Board meeting agenda package.

##### ***Request for Action***

*It was requested that when possible, presentation materials be provided in electronic form to members prior to meetings.*

##### 4.2 2008 Workplan Status Report

- *2008 Workplan Status Report dated March 31, 2008; and*
- *Workplan 2008 – a Summary of Key LMTAC Milestones.*

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, advised that 21 projects had been identified, 16 of which were ongoing or completed; and that five remained pending based on when they arise during the year. Confirmation was provided that the activities identified were thought to be fully achievable during the year; however staff resources continue to focus on priority activities identified by the Executive and Board.

Chair Drew suggested the addition of the following work plan priority items: implications of the *Indigenous Nations Recognition Act*; development of a Common Table approach to table negotiations; and New Relationship related issues. The need for LMTAC to focus intently on ensuring that its priorities were directly related to its mandate, in order to ensure continued support for activities, was noted.

##### 3:48 p.m.

Councillor Mel Kositsky arrived at the meeting.

Discussion ensued as to the adjustments that could be made to the Workplan. One suggestion was that Item 8, a special workshop on key urban aboriginal issues, be incorporated into Item 4 as it relates to *New Relationship* activities. It was thought that a full day workshop might not be well attended in the fall of 2008 as it was an election year. One possibility was that the workshop could be deferred to 2009 as a special TSWG event/presentation.

It was recalled that First Principle 32 speaks to urban aboriginal issues; that a related well attended workshop was held in 2002; and that a discussion paper was generated, thus reflecting the issue as being part of the LMTAC mandate.

Support was expressed for urban aboriginal issues and for this matter to be considered as part of *New Relationship* activities. Historical rationale for including reference to urban aboriginal within the LMTAC First Principles was discussed, noting that land based First Nations have a responsibility to their members that live beyond their borders. It had been identified as a cross-jurisdictional issue involving the province, health, social services, etc. and therefore was most suited to a multi-jurisdictional approach under the *New Relationship*.

Support was also expressed to add activities related to the recently proposed Common Table approach as a new Workplan item.

Ms. Schlecker reported that during the 2008 orientation session when a MARR presentation was received on the *New Relationship* there was LMTAC interest in receiving additional information on various related policy issues. That interest was expressed to line ministries who were supportive of

making presentations to LMTAC relative to key issues of: homelessness, health, employment, education via a series of workshops coordinated by the line ministries and scheduled to coincide with LMTAC Board meetings.

Support was expressed for: the concept of a workshop series, and for the Ministry of Housing (under the Ministry of Forests and Range) to present its *Homelessness Action Plan* report at the April 23, 2008 LMTAC Board meeting; and for staff to invite the Archeological Branch, under the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts, for a presentation in May 2008.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. STANDING REPORTS**

**5.1 Negotiation Table Reports**

**5.1a) Katzie**

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, advised that the swearing in of the new council had occurred.

**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. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC)**

*Draft LMTAC 'Board-in-Brief'*

Councillor Corrine Lonsdale advised of the sub-committee's discussion regarding sharing of information with member councils, leading to the creation of the draft template. Clarification was provided that in-camera materials distributed electronically in a pdf format would be watermarked. Further revision to the title to clarify which was in-camera vs. regular was supported.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) accept the draft template, as revised by FASC, in fulfillment of the 2008 Workplan Finance, Organizational Communications specific project #3 – explore creation of an in-camera 'Board-in-Brief'; and
- b) Recommend that staff implement the 'Board-in-Brief' for a three-month trial period and report back to FASC on Board member feedback.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS**

### **7.1 Chair's Report**

Chair Drew reported on attending the Tsleil-Waututh Georgia Basin conference held March, 26-27, 2008 in North Vancouver, BC. While there were background discussions regarding the Georgia Basin, there were a number of scheduled and impromptu speeches by various First Nation chiefs and elders regarding their philosophical perspective. Arising from the conference:

- LMTAC staff was asked to follow up on a Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) policy paper relative to fisheries co-management;
- it became evident that approximately 50 First Nations around the Basin had for several years been meeting in what they identified as Coast Salish gathering conferences and were speaking on issues of interest relative to: environmental, resource allocations, etc. rallying around the identity of being Coast Salish;
- conference attendees' consistently referenced "Georgia Strait" as the "Salish Sea"; there was no opposition to there being duality in place names;
- Chief Leah George-Wilson spoke regarding interconnectedness and the lack of First Nations' differentiation between religion, culture, governance – video-taped for use by the Museum of Civilization; and a Squamish Nation representative also spoke regarding interconnectedness.

Chair Drew, advised that together with Councillor Harold Steves and LMTAC staff, there had been an interview the prior day with a co-op student working on a UBCM project following up on the Tsawwassen Agreement, i.e. identifying lessons learned, best practices, etc. Expectation was that the resulting draft paper would be vetted by LMTAC staff.

The Chair referenced a recent Canadian Geographic feature on the Tsawwassen Final Agreement that included articles and interviews that referenced LMTAC. A response from the LMTAC Chair was sent to the magazine, with copies to Chief Kim Baird and provincial representatives. No response was received from the magazine yet.

### **7.2 Staff Report**

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, discussed an update on March 12, 2008 regarding correspondence received from SLRD and FVTAC seeking LMTAC's partnership to apply under the UBCM Treaty Knowledge Education (TKE) fund. LMTAC's support to participate was relayed. It was noted that the FVRD has taken the lead and provided a copy of the submitted application to LMTAC.

Confirmation was received that MARR would provide \$40,000 to LMTAC for the 2008/09 fiscal, based on the Minister's commitment for two-year funding.

The Committee was informed that the 2007 audit was completed, with no anticipated changes to LMTAC statements. As such, the financial statements should soon be available.

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

### **8.1 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee**

The next meeting of the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee is scheduled to occur on May 2, 2008.

### **8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)**

Councillor Mel Kositsky advised that a special joint session with FVTAC, SLRD and FVRD occurred in Pemberton the prior day with In-shuck First Nation.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that LMTAC correspondence regarding the Indian River Valley and development of a land use plan in the area was forwarded to FVTAC for its consideration.

**8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**

Chair Drew advised that he would attend a meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee on April 10, 2008 in Victoria, prior to which there would be a meeting with Minister de Jong to discuss the broadening of the MOU with the UBCM to include a role for local government in the New Relationship. As well, the Common Table approach and the Indigenous Nations Recognition Act could be raised.

**8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**

No report provided.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Proposed Edits: Re Legal Liability & Responsibility**

**Draft Discussion Paper Developing a Local Government Perspective On Cooperative Management Agreements with First Nations**

*Excerpt of Section E – Implications of Cooperative Management for Local Government*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, referenced the proposed changes to the Draft Discussion Paper relative to natural person power.

**4:45 p.m.**

Director Barry Janyk departed the meeting.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee recommend adoption of the Proposed Edits: Re Legal Liability & Responsibility Draft Discussion Paper Developing a Local Government Perspective On Cooperative Management Agreements with First Nations, revised excerpt section E, with amendment to replace “burdened” with “will be borne”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. INFORMATION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information:

- 10.1 Correspondence
- 10.2 Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group – a Call to Action: Shared Decision Making, A New Model of Reconciliation of First Nations Natural Resource Jurisdiction
- 10.3 BCTC News Release – Preparing For the Day After Treaty
- 10.4 Honorarium and Expense Form.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Members were encouraged to read Item 10.2, Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group – a Call to Action: Shared Decision Making, A New Model of Reconciliation of First Nations Natural Resource Jurisdiction.

***Request for Action***

*It was requested that TSWG consider how this document (item 10.2) could be appended to the Draft Discussion Paper considered under Item 9.1 of this Agenda.*

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled for April 23, 2008 (only as required).

**12. CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held April 9, 2008 be concluded.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Time: 4:53 p.m.)