

**LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE (FASC) MEETING**

July 27, 2005

Minutes of the special Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC) meeting scheduled at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 27, 2005, in the 8th Floor Meeting room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:	
SUB COMMITTEE	
Councillor Candace Gordon (FASC Chair)	District of Maple Ridge
Chair John Turner (FASC Vice Chair)	Squamish Lillooet Regional District
Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	District of Squamish
Councillor Alan Nixon [via conference call]	District of North Vancouver
Mayor Ralph Drew (LMTAC Chair/Ex Officio) [via conference call]	Greater Vancouver Regional District
STAFF	
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Manager and Acting Recording Secretary
Regan Schlecker	LMTAC Aboriginal Affairs Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gordon confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the special meeting to order at 1: 45 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 June 1, 2005 - The minutes were adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORTS

3.1 Review of Actuals

Councillor Candace Gordon, FASC Chair, walked members through the June 30, 2005 document, noting LMTAC was currently under budget but over in a few areas (i.e. catering and room rental) given the extra off site meetings held as required to hold special meetings.

3.2 Draft 2006 Budget Preparations

Chair Gordon and Ms. Pirie walked members through the board endorsed 2006 budget assumptions, the honorarium reference chart and the draft budget documents. Ensuing discussion focused on provincial funding to LMTAC, the treaty table fund and funding requests to member regional districts. One member noted that when BC annual funding to LMTAC was cut in early 2002, the member regional districts were asked to assist LMTAC with additional funding. Members highlighted the need to continue to request funding from the provincial government to assist with LMTAC operations.

Request for Action:

That LMTAC include \$40,000 from BC in LMTAC's 2006 budget.

Following, Chair Gordon noted that the treaty table fund was used in cases when table activity increased. Members recognized that future negotiation activity was always difficult to estimate and that a treaty table fund was an important aspect of the budget planning. Further members suggested that a specific policy be created regarding the minimum balance of a treaty table fund, such as 10 per cent. It was agreed to discuss this issue at a future FASC meeting.

Ms. Pirie walked members through the draft regional district contribution worksheet. Given that the main increase to the 2006 draft budget is the increase of honorarium payments, some members noted that they would need to acquire support from their regional district members. It was noted that some jurisdictions located far from the LMTAC meetings rarely attend LMTAC meetings and suggested that this be recognized in the regional district contribution calculations. Members suggested different ways of calculating SLRD honorarium/expense payments such as having the respective SLRD pay for their representatives' participation or only including those jurisdictions that regularly attend.

Request for Staff:

That the SLRD staff representative be contacted to inquire regarding different funding alternatives and that LMTAC staff report back at next FASC meeting.

The other agenda items were tabled until next FASC meeting on August 3, 2005.

5. **NEXT MEETING:** August 3, 2005.
6. **CONCLUSION** - The meeting concluded at 3:00 p.m.