

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

July 4, 2007

Minutes of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC) meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on July 4, 2007, in the 2nd Floor Café West meeting room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:	
SUB COMMITTEE	
Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (FASC Chair)	District of Squamish
Councillor Bob Osterman	City of New Westminster
Councillor Ted Schaffer	City of Langley
Councillor Colin Richardson	Village of Belcarra
Director John Turner (FASC Vice-Chair)	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
STAFF	
Regan Schlecker	LMTAC Managing Director
Mark Kirsop	LMTAC Research/Communications Coordinator
Cheri Hamilton	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

FASC Chair Lonsdale confirmed quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

May 2, 2007. The minutes were adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORTS

3.1 Draft 2008 Budget

Members discussed the draft budget and whether to assume a provincial contribution for 2008; as it would affect the expenditures as shown. Members agreed to include provincial funding as an assumption for 2008 and that no increase would be requested of regional districts. It was noted that AIP treaty table activity was steadily increasing, in addition to implementation activities anticipated at Tsawwassen.

With respect to 2007 funding, members were advised that the Province assured LMTAC that funding would be received shortly. Members agreed to maintain LMTAC's contingency fund policy of 5% of the operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Draft 2008 Budget be amended to include provincial funding in the amount of \$40,000 and forwarded to the Executive and Board for endorsement and as the basis for preliminary regional district funding requests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Draft Briefing Note on LMTAC Funding

Members received the cover report for information and Mr. Kirsop provided the committee with an overview of the funding position paper and highlighted that the objective of the paper was to provide Board members with a quick and easy-to-read overview of the contributions of LMTAC to Lower Mainland treaty negotiations and the financial context under which those contributions are made. The document was intended to assist Board members should the issue of LMTAC funding arise at their respective regional district boards, in discussions with provincial representatives, UBCM and other affiliate bodies.

Members recommended the following revisions to the draft:

- Include examples of LMTAC policy documents under the title "LMTAC Policy Work";
- Include 'on-going orientation with elected and staff members' under the title "Other Work";
- Under the title "Background on Provincial Funding" remove reference to \$300,000 and rephrase the third bullet to read '*Under the New Relationship, the Province occasional provides UBCM with funds to assist with communications activities and special events; however this does not address general TAC operations*'.
- Under the title "Local and Regional Government Support" use the phrase '*elimination of predictable TAC funding*' rather than 'as a result of provincial cuts'.
- Under the title "Fiscally Responsible Operations" delete the second bullet point and add "as required" to the first bullet regarding reduced meetings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Draft Briefing Note, as amended, be forwarded to the Executive Committee for endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Draft 2008 FASC-related Workplan Items

Ms. Schleckler provided members with an overview and update on 2007 FASC-related workplan activities. Members were advised that further to June 27, 2007, Board discussion of the *Lessons Learned and Best Practices* report on LMTAC's experience at the Tsawwassen Treaty Table, that Board members requested that future actions be captured in the 2008 Workplan for tracking purposes.

In addition to retaining the standing activities from 2007, the following new activities were suggested to be included in the 2008 Workplan:

Finance, Organizational, Communication Activity: Specific Projects

- Explore creation of in-camera 'Board in Brief' update
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Finance, Organizational, Communication Activity: Standing Activities

- Annual Table Representative Meeting/Memo (completion date of February 2008).
- Explore Alternate Funding Sources (ongoing)

Treaty/Negotiation Policy Activity:

- Monitor SOI changes from Lower Mainland First Nations (ongoing)
- TSWG inventory of specific LMTAC needs; increase TSWG participation (completion date of April 2008)
- TSWG Regular meetings with RAAC (ongoing)
- Special Workshop on key urban aboriginal issues (completion date of June 2008)
- Replace the word "monitor impact of" with 'activities related to the New Relationship' to demonstrate LMTAC's involvement.

Further to the 2008 Orientation session, members offered the following comments for further

discussion by FASC when the matter is brought forward as a specific agenda item at its meeting in October:

- Consider a full day orientation for municipal election years only, half day sessions may be sufficient for in between years if there is little Board turnover.
- Invite the Minister to attend as a guest speaker

RECOMMENDATION:

That the draft 2008 Workplan, amended to include FASC recommendations, be endorsed by the Executive Committee and Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 UBCM Information Request - In-kind Contributions

Members were advised that UBCM was seeking information from TACs regarding in-kind contributions from local government to participate in treaty negotiations. FASC highlighted the value of municipal staff participation on LMTAC's Technical and Strategic Working Group and monthly Board meetings. The hours invested should be relayed as a value equivalent to a hired consultant.

Further, members noted the value of LMTAC policy documents to both provincial and federal representatives, First Nations and local government affiliated bodies.

5. INFORMATION

5.1 Financial Statements – as of May 31, 2007

Members received the statements as of May 31, 2007, for information.

6. NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled FASC meeting is August 1, 2007. [only as required]

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 11:40 a.m.