

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

**March 7, 2007**

Minutes of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC) meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on March 7, 2007, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Café West meeting room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	
<b>SUB COMMITTEE</b>	
Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (FASC Chair)	District of Squamish
Mayor Ralph Drew (LMTAC Chair/Ex Officio)	Greater Vancouver Regional District
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
<b>STAFF</b>	
Regan Schlecker	LMTAC Managing Director
Mark Kirsop	LMTAC Research/Communications Coordinator
Cheri Hamilton	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

FASC Vice-Chair Turner confirmed quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were adopted. [Note: Members were advised that minutes of the last meeting in September 6, 2006 were adopted via email prior to year end on December 8, 2006.]

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Final Agreement Communications Strategy**

FASC Chair Lonsdale introduced this item by noting that it was a key activity for FASC as per the 2007 Workplan. Ms. Schlecker, Managing Director, reviewed the staff cover report that provided an overview of LMTAC's communication activities since the announcement that a Final Agreement was initiated at Tsawwassen on December 8, 2006. FASC members are requested to consider LMTAC's activities to date and direct staff on next steps, as required.

The report also provided an update on the Corporation of Delta's communication strategy to create weekly Q/A documents on treaty topics of interest.

**Request of Staff:**

*To include, on LMTAC's website, links to the Corporation of Delta's Q/A sheets as an additional resource under the Tsawwassen Negotiations page.*

Members were advised that the next phase of communications appeared to entail LMTAC presentations to member Councils/Boards and various local government bodies such as UBCM, LMLGA etc. During discussion, members decided to use upcoming presentation materials (i.e. power point and speaking notes) as pilots for how to proceed; as the response would indicate any gaps in information or areas in which clarification was required. Presentations would also be a useful tool to help advise new members of LMTAC's accomplishments and work to foster understanding of LMTAC's operating budget needs.

Ms. Schlecker noted that TSWG initiated work on a 'lessons learned and best practices' document regarding LMTAC's experience at the Tsawwassen Treaty Table. FASC members suggested that this would be a useful document to highlight LMTAC's accomplishments. One member commented on the significance of LMTAC's work on matters of regional concern, such as dikes maintenance and flood protection and that this should be highlighted in future presentations.

Members discussed various opportunities for future presentations such as hosting regional workshops, attending a Council of Councils, and the UBCM Spring Conference Series and LGLMA in May 2007.

Ms. Schlecker advised members of a Board suggested for LMTAC to draft a letter outlining areas of concern with the Tsawwassen Final Agreement for individual member jurisdictions to send to UBCM. FASC members concurred that this request was outside LMTAC's mandate and that LMTAC already voiced a position in its media release and policy backgrounder in December 2006. Individual Councils and Board were now encouraged to engage in the public debate and act on behalf of their respective community interests.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the LMTAC Executive direct staff to not proceed with the Board suggestion (from its meeting February 28, 2007) that LMTAC draft correspondence to articulate the broad scope of Tsawwassen Final Agreement issues considered by LMTAC for member municipalities to forward individually to UBCM; and that alternatively, individual Councils and Boards be encouraged to act independently on behalf of their respective communities.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.2 UBCM Funding from MARR**

Ms. Schlecker reviewed the staff cover report to provide FASC members with an update on the allocation of the \$100,000 fund provided to UBCM from the *Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation* to support local government participation in treaty negotiations. LMTAC was recently informed by UBCM that although it did not qualify for additional funding this year, UBCM anticipates that funding for public information and relationship building activities may be available to supplement current TAC activities.

The LMTAC Chair noted that he anticipates MARR funding to be available in the next fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That LMTAC's funding request to the Province be included as an agenda item for discussion at the next FASC meeting, to coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year, to determine whether a follow up letter is required.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.3 GVRD 2007 Remuneration Rate for Meeting Attendance**

Ms. Schlecker review the staff cover report to provide FASC members with an update on current GVRD Finance Committee activities with respect to establishing 2007 remuneration rates for meeting attendance. In particular, the GVRD is considering an amending bylaw to reflect a formula based remuneration rate. This matter is of significance to LMTAC because as of January 2006, LMTAC's Operating Procedures were revised to establish LMTAC rates equivalent to those for GVRD Directors.

Members were informed that a GVRD Board decision would be made by April 2007. LMTAC was advised that an honorarium increase for 2007 would be applied retroactively.

The FASC Chair expressed concern that an increase (greater than the Consumer Price Index) in the honorarium payment could have implications for the 2007 Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That following a decision by the GVRD Board; that this information be received and revisited at the next FASC meeting in May.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Pre-Board Meal Requisition Forms [On Table Item]

Ms. Schlecker informed members that she was recently advised by the GVRD corporate secretary's office that although LMTAC provides remuneration for its Board members, the GVRD appointee to LMTAC receives a one-third tax free allowance; in-keeping with that of GVRD Directors. It was clarified that this one-third tax free status for honorariums does not apply to other LMTAC members. As such, the GVRD is unable to cover the costs of the LMTAC pre-Board meal requisition for its appointee.

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That FASC members:

- a. waive the pre-Board Meal Requisition invoice for the GVRD primary elected Representative and any other member jurisdictions as necessary to accommodate applicable municipal or regional district bylaws; and
- b. that this policy not be implemented as part of the 2008 budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 4.2 2008 Budget Preparations

In preparation for the 2008 budget, the LMTAC Chair suggested that FASC members begin to consider LMTAC's regional district funding requests in light of a positive year-end. It was noted that LMTAC managed its limited budget exceptionally well in 2006 and this placed LMTAC in a healthy fiscal position to begin 2007.

##### 4.3 New Relationship

Vice-Chair Turner expressed concerns regarding agreements outside the treaty process, under the New Relationship policy, that will have implications for land and resource management in the SCR and SLRD.

Members discussed the potential need for LMTAC to be informed and involved in such process as required. The LMTAC Chair advised members that he was recently approached by a MARR consultant who was conducting interviews to receive input from third party stakeholders for the development of a New Relationship communications strategy. Further, that LMTAC's comments to MARR relayed a local government interest to be consulted and informed early on of non-treaty related agreements that have the potential to impact local communities.

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Executive Committee consider LMTAC's Mission Statement and role relative to the New Relationship.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 5. INFORMATION

- 5.1 FASC Terms of Reference
- 5.2 FASC-Related Items in LMTAC 2007 Work plan
- 5.3 DRAFT Year-end financial statement [December 31, 2006]
- 5.4 2007 Budget
- 5.5 Financial Statements – as of January 2007 [on-table]

FASC members received the above items for information, including the January 2007 financial statements that were provided on table.

6. **NEXT MEETING:** April 4, 2007 (as required)

7. **CONCLUSION:** The meeting concluded at 11:40 am