

**LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FINANCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE (FOSC)
REGULAR MEETING**

May 3, 2001

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Finance and Organizational Sub-Committee (FOSC)** held at 9:30 a.m. on May 3, 2001, in the 10th floor (North) Committee room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE:	ALTERNATE:
District of Maple Ridge	Councillor Candace Gordon (Chair)	
Village of Lions Bay	Councillor Peter Stevenson (Vice Chair)	
City of Port Moody	Councillor Meghan Lahti	
Corporation of Delta	Councillor Vicki Huntington	
North Vancouver District	Mayor Don Bell (ex-officio)	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
David Didluck	LMTAC Executive Director	
REGRETS:		

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA (9:35am)**
The agenda was adopted with the addition of item: 4.1 "Member's Survey"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES: April 6, 2001 FOSC minutes**
The minutes were adopted without amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **REPORTS**

3.1 LMTAC's Role and Mandate, post provincial election (Project 5)

The Executive Director provided a detailed overview of the report. Members noted that First Nations post-election may be developing direct relationships with the federal government on governance issues without provincial involvement. Members also noted that the federal government is proposing a new First Nations Governance Act. What the impacts of these developments are also needs to be addressed. TACs are closely tied only to the provincial team, and may be external to this discussion.

Members asked when it was best to hold the session. Suggestion was made to wait until after the 90 day Liberal period and search for a September date. Members also wondered whether TAC should respond reactively to the Liberal approach or take a pro-active role to define our mandate. Suggestion was made that we wait to see how the Liberal administration approaches treaty issues. Suggestion was also made that we host the session prior to the UBCM Convention.

Suggestion was made that the Executive Director put together a policy approach paper on alternatives to help stimulate debate at a future strategic planning session for September 2001. The Forum could be broken into several component discussions about issues.

Members raised concern about creating a new and sustained bureaucracy. Time may be better spent focusing and discussing strategic policy issues first, and second on organizational objectives. In order to develop focused policy, members also noted you also need a consistent and clear "vision" to act as the frame for our principles.

Members expressed interest in having a closed, in-camera session.

Suggestion was made that perhaps 2, ½day sessions rather than 1 full day session be organized.

Members noted that the organizational structure of LMTAC and the linkages between LMTAC bodies (eg. the Full TAC and Executive) could be a part of the strategic planning discussion.

Motion and Recommendation to Executive and Full TAC: that in light of pending changes in the provincial government and the development of direct federal government relationships with First Nations on governance issues, a two stage strategic planning session be organized with the full LMTAC membership. Stage 1 would be organized in June (post June 7th) for the purpose of: a) fleshing out our organizational role and mandate (e.g. developing a mission statement); and, b) developing 2 and 5 year organizational goals. Stage 2 would be organized in August for the purpose of comparing our newly developed organizational vision to existing LMTAC policy for consistency. The services of an independent consultant be utilized.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Restructuring to Focus on Table Specific Issues (Project 4)

Members commented that the structure creates more meetings. The Executive Director and Chair reported that the restructuring proposal is only a concept document to stimulate discussion. Members have commented that LMTAC should work to be more: issue focused, table specific and have fewer meetings.

Motion: that the concept document be received for information and that any future restructuring discussions be deferred until after the strategic planning discussion.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Member's Survey

The Executive Director reported that staff was working to compile the annual LMTAC member's survey, and inquired whether FOSC wanted to add any specific questions or survey any particular subject. Members suggested surveying members about the value of the electronic table-specific sub-groups and the role of the Province at in-camera and public meetings.

Request of Staff: to provide a sample of the new survey at the next FOSC meeting.

5. INFORMATION

Motion: that all information items be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request of Staff: that a status summary of the LMTAC surplus account be added to all future FOSC agenda packages.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 am – Next Meeting: June 1, 2001 meeting moved to June 8, 2001