

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

October 24, 2001

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** held at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2001, in the 2nd floor Boardroom, GVRD Offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

| ATTENDANCE: | | |
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| JURISDICTION: | LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE: | ALTERNATE: |
| District of North Vancouver | Mayor Don Bell (Chair) | Steve Hardy |
| Greater Vancouver RD | Director Ralph Drew | Marino Piombini |
| Village of Belcarra | Councillor Jamie Ross | |
| Municipality of Bowen Island | Mayor Lisa Barrett | |
| City of Burnaby | Councillor Nancy Harris | Kimberly Flick |
| City of Coquitlam | Councillor Louella Hollington | Robin Hicks |
| Corporation of Delta | Councillor George Hawksworth | Claudia Choroszewski |
| City of Langley | Councillor Terry Smith | |
| Township of Langley | Councillor Mel Kositsky | Frank Clarke-Jones |
| Village of Lions Bay | Councillor Peter Stevenson | |
| District of Maple Ridge | Councillor Candace Gordon | |
| City of North Vancouver | Councillor Bill Bell | Ken Tollstam |
| District of Pitt Meadows | Councillor Janis Elkerton | |
| City of Port Coquitlam | Councillor Mike Forrest | |
| District of Squamish | Mayor Corrine Lonsdale | Kim Anema (departed 8:01 p.m.) |
| Squamish-Lillooet RD | Director Pam Tattersfield | |
| City of Vancouver | | Pat Wotherspoon |
| LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE: | | |
| Kirstie Pirie | LMTAC Manager | |
| Regan Schlecker | LMTAC Aboriginal Affairs Analyst | |
| Vivian Guthrie | Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures | |
| GUESTS: | | |
| Katherine Gordon, Treaty Negotiation Office, Chief Negotiator | | |
| Cory Herrera, Treaty Negotiation Office, Negotiator | | |
| Gerry Thorne, Treaty Negotiation Office, Negotiator | | |
| Bill Seymour, Consultation Manager, BC Team South | | |

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bell confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

1. AGENDA

1.1 October 24, 2001 – Adoption of Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled October 24, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 September 26, 2001

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held September 26, 2001, be adopted as circulated as corrected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

October 5, 2001 FOSC

October 3, 2001 CSC

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the LMTAC Finance and Organizational Subcommittee and Communications Subcommittee meetings held October 5 and October 3, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No Delegations were received at the meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Local Government Fisheries Discussion Paper

Document titled "Report Flow Summary, Local Government Fisheries Paper"

Sample Cover Letter dated July 4, 2001, to Member Councils, regarding Local Government Fisheries Discussion Paper for comment

Letter dated August 8, 2001, from The Corporation of Delta, re Discussion Paper

Letter dated August 10, 2001, from the Township of Langley, re Discussion Paper

Letter dated September 11, 2001 from City of New Westminster, re Discussion Paper

Letter dated October 12, 2001 from the City of Richmond, re Discussion Paper

Responses dated August 31, 2001 by Hemmera Envirochem titled "Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee Strategic Planning Process Final Report".

Chair Bell noted the support from councils for the Local Government Fisheries Discussion Paper.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the word 'Draft' be removed from the Local Government Fisheries Discussion Paper; and, THAT the Local Government Fisheries Discussion Paper become the Local Government Fisheries Background Paper and remain the official background paper to LMTAC First Principle #23 as endorsed in June 2001.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In discussion Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South, submitted that senior governments should view fisheries as a whole when analyzing the impact on the resource. It was the view of members that a small interest group should not be allocated a catch larger than that of the commercial fleet. It was commented that fish in conservation were being jeopardized by the current harvest allocations. A suggestion was that a letter from LMTAC to Attorney General Plant identifying the allocation conflict might be in order. It was a further suggestion that the Federal Government purchase licenses for Aboriginal people rather than establish harvest allocations.

4.2 LMTAC Presentation to Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs

Chair Bell reported on the presentation and noted that a script was emailed to LMTAC members. The presentation encapsulated the issues discussed at the special meeting of the Board and prioritized and referenced five LMTAC First Principles. The presentation did not specifically suggest questions but did state a concern about the referendum process. After the presentation Chair Bell fielded questions from the committee pertaining to urban differences.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the oral report contained in item 4.2 and confirm the distribution of the written report of the presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Summary

Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Manager, referenced an overhead presentation to summarize the results of 12 completed surveys and reviewed the progress and challenges of organizational/operations and

communications. Overall the survey results indicated that LMTAC was more effective and useful than in the past and examples such as the Governance Symposium, Strategic Planning Session, and First Principles with backgrounders were cited. Challenges were identified in regards to the large amount of complex information to be distributed and in gaining local government access to the treaty negotiation tables. Future topics of interest included relationship building, governance, and taxation agreements.

Ms. Pirie called for questions or comments on the survey. Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South, urged LMTAC members to not disregard the considerable achievements that had been realized by Table Reps at the Treaty Tables. The length of the survey was seen as a detriment to its completion and a suggestion was to circulate a shorter survey or use e-mail.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the Annual Member Survey Summary and express appreciation and congratulations to LMTAC Staff for their achievements throughout the year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Lower Mainland Urban Forum

Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Manager, advised members on the progress of partnership possibilities and reported that after discussion UBCM goals differed from those of the Urban Forum. Investigation was ongoing about partnering with BC Treaty Commission (Regional Visioning Process) and various business corporations. No date has been confirmed and the expedition of the Forum remains dependent upon funding. It was suggested that BC Hydro, BC Gas and Telus be contacted for possible sponsorship or partnership.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receives for information the oral update on the Urban Forum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:01 p.m.

Kim Anema departed the meeting.

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Chair

Excerpt from seminar agenda, Solving Aboriginal Claims: A New Focus, dated September 28, 2001, titled "Third Party Interests: Decreasing the Risk of Conflict"

Chair Bell reported on his participation in a recent panel presentation titled "Third Party Interests: Decreasing the Risk of Conflict".

5.2 LMTAC Staff Update

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, noted that Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst has met the challenges of the new position with energy and enthusiasm. Members were reminded that the last board meeting of the year would be held in November and that elections for all positions except Table Reps would be in order for the Board meeting in January 2002. Ms. Pirie also advised that she and Chair Bell would be visiting member regional districts to provide an LMTAC report.

In general discussion it was requested that Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South, to develop an education about the treaty process. Ms. Gordon acquiesced to developing an education presentation based on the framework of the Squamish presentation (lightly referred to as 'Treaties 101') and said it would be available to LMTAC members.

5.3 Communications Subcommittee

Councillor Hollington, Vice Chair CSC, reported that the costs of the web site and urban forum were transferred to the overall LMTAC budget for 2002. Chair Bell clarified that the proposed Urban Forum would be managed by staff with the assistance and guidance of the committee.

5.4 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee (FOSC)

Councillor Gordon, FOSC Chair reported that to date no reserves have been used to balance the budget for 2001. There were many factors that contributed to the healthier than normal budget and a more detailed report would be given after the completion of an analysis at the year-end. Councillor Gordon clarified that the CSC budget is part of the full LMTAC budget and that \$33,000 would be a separate line item for the proposed Urban Forum. A presentation of a full budget at the next board meeting would be given for consideration.

In reply to a query as to the amount of surplus and reserves, Councillor Gordon explained that there was no surplus and that LMTAC operates on an approximately \$100,000 reserve with the eventuality of more tables to finance. Funding sources were from the provincial government (restricted to eligible debits), regional districts, and contributions from municipalities with active tables. Not taken into consideration in the budget were donations in kind from member councils.

5.5 Negotiation Table Reports

Schedule dated September 20, 2001, titled "Treaty Advisory, Lower Mainland Region, October – November, 2001"

Chair Bell advised that after extensive discussion with interested parties the District of North Vancouver and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation completed a servicing agreement. Although the agreement was outside of the treaty process, it did impact upon the relationship between the District and the First Nation. Chair Bell also announced that the LMTAC Executive was planning a workshop to share information about service agreements.

Kirstie Pirie referred members to the document for scheduled meeting activities.

5.6 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Gordon advised there had been no meeting of the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee. Chair Bell noted that the LMTAC presentation to Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs had been coordinated with that of the FVTAC.

5.7 UBCM

- a) *On-table Document dated September 27, 2001 titled Protocol on Cooperation and Communication between the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the First Nations Summit.*
- b) *On-table document dated September 27, 2001, titled "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Communication and Information Sharing between the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) British Columbia Region.*

In discussion it was suggested that a better profile for the LMTAC position on fisheries could be achieved if the Fisheries backgrounder was adopted province-wide.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board send the LMTAC Fisheries backgrounder to the UBCM Executive, UBCM Aboriginal Affairs Committee and the UBCM Communities and Resources Committee for endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receives for information reports contained in items 5.1 through 5.7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business items were considered at the meeting.

7. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receives the following for information:

- 7.1 New LMTAC Mission Statement, Roles and Project Screening Criteria
- 7.2 Workplan 2001
- 7.3 Web Site Statistical Summaries;
- 7.2 Correspondence – General;
- 7.3 Agenda Deadlines 2001;
- 7.4 Members Honorarium and Expense Form; and
- 7.5 Media Clippings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board October 24, 2001 Regular Meeting be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time 8:26 p.m.)