

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

June 27, 2001

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** held at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2001, in the 2nd floor Boardroom, GVRD Offices 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE:	ALTERNATE:
North Vancouver District	Mayor Don Bell (Chair)	
Greater Vancouver RD	Director Ralph Drew (Vice Chair)	Marino Piombini
Village of Anmore	Councillor Hal Weinberg	
Village of Belcarra	Councillor Jamie Ross	
City of Burnaby		Kimberly Flick
City of Coquitlam	Councillor Louella Hollington	
Corporation of Delta	Councillor Vicki Huntington	Claudia Choroszewski
Township of Langley	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Frank Clark-Jones
Village of Lions Bay	Councillor Peter Stevenson	
District of Maple Ridge	Councillor Candace Gordon	
City of New Westminster	Councillor Bob Osterman	
City of North Vancouver		Ken Tollstam
District of Pitt Meadows	Councillor Janis Elkerton	
City of Port Moody	Councillor Megan Lahti	
Squamish-Lillooet RD	Director Pam Tattersfield	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Lee Turnbull (departed at 8:05 p.m.)	
City of Richmond		Jim Bruce
City of Vancouver		Pat Wotherspoon
City of White Rock	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
David Didluck	LMTAC Executive Director	
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Communications/Operations Manager	
Vivian Guthrie	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	
GUESTS:		
Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South, Aboriginal Affairs		
Cory Herrera, BC Team South, Aboriginal Affairs		
Bill Seymour, Manager, Treaty Consultation, BC Team South, Aboriginal Affairs		
Marian Wu , Federal Treaty Negotiation Office		

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 June 27, 2001 LMTAC Board Agenda

It was MOVED (Anderson) and SECONDED (Lahti)

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled June 27, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 May 23, 2001 LMTAC

On-table Document dated June 26, 2001, from Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South, in regards to LMTAC meeting of May 23, 2001.

It was MOVED (Lahti) and SECONDED (Hollington)

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held May 23, 2001, be approved with amendment to page 4, paragraph 9, such that the current paragraph be struck and replace with:

“Following the federal presentation to the LMTAC there was a discussion of the value of ensuring that the parties to treaty negotiations work with local government on issues of broader significance that go beyond specific treaty tables. Ms. Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South endorsed developing broader concepts and ideas, and stated that until we can look at those concepts and principles in the context of specific treaty tables in the lower Mainland, to a great degree we are “working in a vacuum”. The focus should indeed be on measures that will successfully conclude a treaty in the Lower Mainland. We will therefore need to review the concepts and principles together over time in the case of each specific table, to ensure that solutions that work for that table, and the communities affected, are found. With regard to federal participation at TAC, Ms. Katherine Gordon fully endorsed LMTAC’s initiative in encouraging the federal government to provide information on issues and to respond directly to question and concerns by attending TAC meetings. She also suggested separate workshops on tripartite interests and commented on the great value of federal government representatives hearing LMTAC advice directly.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Minutes for Information

June 8, 2001, Finance and Organizational Subcommittee Minutes

June 6, 2001 Communication Subcommittee Minutes

June 18, 2001 Communication Subcommittee Minutes

It was MOVED (Lahti) and SECONDED (Gordon)

THAT the Minutes of the meetings of the LMTAC Finance and Organizational and the Communications Subcommittees held June 6, 8, and 18, 2001, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

There was no delegation received at the meeting.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Local Government Fisheries Paper

Document dated June 15, 2001, prepared by the Fish Technical Review Group, titled, “Local Government Fisheries Discussion Paper”.

David Didluck, Executive Director, introduced the Paper for consideration, it was noted that most of the changes to the paper were of an editing nature.

In discussion it was felt that Item 4 of Table 4, “Allocation” was addressed in Table 1 of the Paper and for purposes of clarity could be deleted. The intent of the item was to define the scope of restrictions to commercial fisheries.

It was MOVED (Kositsky) and SECONDED (Turnbull)

THAT the LMTAC Board:

- a) receive the Paper for information and endorse it as a backgrounder to First Principle #23; and,
- b) refer the Paper to all member Councils for consideration and comment as amended by striking Item 4 of Table 4, “Allocation”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As a separate issue a member questioned whether the streamside protection legislation setbacks were perceived as restrictive and concern was expressed that they might encroach on new developments. It was clarified that the Fisheries Department would be the authority having jurisdiction and that municipalities will be receiving directives regarding setbacks in the near future.

Councillor Vicki Huntington noted that it in order to expedite discussions at the Tsawwassen First Nation Table it would be desirable to adopt the Paper as policy as soon as possible. A number of members noted the importance of soliciting responses from the member Councils about the paper prior to adopting it as LMTAC policy.

Request of Staff

It was requested that staff provide an electronic copy of the paper to Katherine Gordon, Treaty Negotiation Office.

**4.2 Operating Procedures Amendment:
Staffing Changes Impacting LMTAC Budget and Structure**

Document dated June 27, 2001, titled "LMTAC Operating Procedures Excerpt"

Councillor Candace Gordon, Finance and Organizational Sub-committee Chair, explained that the proposed addition was in response to the expressed wishes of the Board at the last meeting to have the FOSC consider salary and/or organizational changes regarding LMTAC staff when the budget and/or organizational structure would be affected.

It was MOVED (Lahti) and SECONDED (Anderson)

THAT the LMTAC Board approve the proposed addition of Item (h), Section 12.0 of the LMTAC Operating Procedures as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Chair

Document dated March 2001, prepared by the FCM Standing Committee on Municipal-Aboriginal Relations, titled "Municipal-Aboriginal Relations, Statement of Principles, Strategies".

Chair Don Bell advised that a summary of the FCM Strategic Directions Workshop would be circulated to members in July 2001.

5.2 Executive Director

On Table Documents

a) dated June 2001, titled "Workplan 2001"

b) newsletter, dated June 2001, titled "British Columbia Treaty Commission Update"

David Didluck, LMTAC Executive Director, in reference to the Workplan 2001 reported that 64% of the projects under consideration have been completed and advised of the anticipated completion of targeted projects by year-end.

It was felt that it would be important that the Workplan track the progress of LMTAC First Principles in regard to agreement with other levels of government. It was further noted by members that Treaty Negotiation policies were in need of attention.

Request of Staff

It was requested that staff provide an update of First Principles at each LMTAC Full Board meeting.

In regards to the BC Treaty Commissions Update review of the treaty process, members were of the opinion that a letter to the Commissioner might be in order to request that dates be assigned to the various stages of the Status Report and that LMTAC provide input to future reports.

Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC Team South advised that Aboriginal Affairs provided monthly treaty updates on its website.

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Anderson)

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the reports presented under Agenda Item 5.2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Didluck announced that his training at the Justice Institute was complete and he had been successful in completing a course in Conflict Resolution and Negotiation, also, Mr. Didluck advised he has been invited to do a presentation on "Lessons from Local Governments in BC" in Brisbane, Australia.

It was MOVED (Ross) and SECONDED (Lahti)

THAT the LMTAC Board direct the Executive Director to submit a written request for leave to do a presentation in Brisbane, Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Communications Subcommittee

Councillor Hal Weinberg, Communications Subcommittee Chair, reported on proposed plans for the fall event "Paddling Together" and requested member input to identify people to invite and to clarify the venue. Also reported was that the LMTAC website is getting broader exposure, that new Public Information products have been completed, and that initial contact with GVRD schools had been made in order to make information about the treaty process available.

Discussion continued on the role of education and whether it was a mandate of LMTAC to educate the general public about the treaty process. Some members were of the opinion that Councils have some responsibility to educate the public and that LMTAC should be involved. Members were encouraged to postpone further discussion to the July meeting after the opportunity to meet with their respective councils.

5.4 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee

Councillor Candace Gordon, Finance and Organizational Subcommittee Chair, reported that, at present, LMTAC was operating under budget and that the Subcommittee had initiated planning for the next year's financial budget. Councillor Gordon further reported that the Provincial Government has approved funding of \$82,500 for this fiscal year.

5.5 Negotiation Table Reports

Facsimile dated June 12, 2001, from Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator BC Team South

Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, B.C. Team South announced the appointment of Gordon Douglas as the Negotiator responsible for treaty negotiations with the Musqueam First Nation.

In discussion members debated the merits of declaring the LMTAC to be not in favour of an upcoming provincial referendum on the treaty process. It was generally felt that in lieu of possible adverse media coverage and that, in order to apprise the new provincial government of LMTAC First Principles, an official declaration in regards to the referendum would be postponed.

5.5.1 Katzie

Councillor Candace Gordon reported that the Katzie had held a meeting on May 17, 2001 where preliminary work on a local consultation group was being undertaken. It was suggested that it was preferable to optimize a community consultation group rather than operate separate groups that overlapped interests.

5.1.2 Musqueam

No further report on the Musqueam Table was received at the meeting.

5.1.3 Squamish

Director Pam Tattersfield announced that Squamish has released a draft land use plan for sacred sites.

5.1.4 Tsleil-Waututh

No Tsleil-Waututh Negotiation Table Report was received at the meeting.

5.1.5 Tsawwassen

No Tsawwassen Negotiation Table Report was received at the meeting.

5.6 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee

David Didluck, Executive Director reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Fraser Valley TAC held June 12, 2001, at which Mr. Robin Dobson, Chief Negotiator for Tsleil-Waututh gave an extensive presentation on the Governance Continuum Policy. Of note was that FVTAC would appreciate coordinating with LMTAC in regard to issues of taxation and treaty adjustment funding. He announced that Tamara Little would be leaving her position as Aboriginal Affairs Coordinator for FVTAC.

It was MOVED (Drew) and SECONDED (Elkerton)

THAT the LMTAC Board direct that a letter be sent to Tamara Little expressing appreciation for the contribution that she has made to LMTAC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.7 UBCM

Concern was raised regarding the UBCM stand on a possible provincial referendum on the treaty process. Chair Don Bell advised that at the recent FCM conference all those affiliated with TAC representation were concerned at the possibility of the referendum.

It was MOVED (Huntington) and SECONDED (Stevenson)

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the reports pertaining to Items 5.1 to 5.7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Governance Symposium Debriefing

Document dated Thursday June 7, 2001, prepared by LMTAC, titled, "Lower Mainland Governance Symposium Final Report"

On Table Document dated June 27, 2001, prepared by Executive Director David Didluck, a hard copy of the PowerPoint Presentation titled "Lower Mainland Governance Symposium – In Review."

David Didluck, Executive Director reported on the Governance Symposium referring to an overhead PowerPoint presentation and reviewed highlights and suggestions that had been offered for accomplishing the outcomes of the symposium.

8:05 p.m.

Councillor Lee Turnbull departed the meeting.

Question was raised regarding whether the conclusion of the symposium would be to question the role of LMTAC as a communicating body rather than as advising the provincial government. Concerns were also voiced that local governments could not support escalating costs imposed by a possible expanded mandate.

It was MOVED (Hollington) and SECONDED (Drew)

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the report pertaining to Item 6.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Provincial Relations

Chair Bell announced that the Minister would be briefed on the LMTAC First Principles and then invited to a future LMTAC Board Meeting.

7.0 INFORMATION

It was MOVED (Huntington) and SECONDED (Kositsky)

THAT the LMTAC Board receive the following for information:

- 7.1 Web Site Statistical Summary;
- 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 (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Flick)

That the LMTAC Board Regular meeting held June 27, 2001 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time 8: 37p.m.)