

Item No. 2.1

LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 27, 2002

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2002, in the 2nd floor Boardroom, GVRD Offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
North Vancouver, District of	Mayor Don Bell, Chair	Steve Hardy
Greater Vancouver RD	Director Ralph Drew, Vice Chair	Marino Piombini
Anmore, Village of	Councillor Tony Frei	
Belcarra, Village of	Councillor Jamie Ross	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett (departed 7:46 p.m.)	
Coquitlam, City of	Councillor Louella Hollington	
Langley, City of	Councillor Ted Schaffer	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Bob Long (arrived 7:31 p.m.)	Frank Clark-Jones
Lions Bay, Village of	Councillor Peter Stevenson	
Maple Ridge, District of	Councillor Candace Gordon	
North Vancouver, City of		Ken Tollstam
Pitt Meadows, District of	Councillor Janis Elkerton	
Port Moody, City of	Councillor Ann Hubert	Gerry vanderWolf
Richmond, City of	Councillor Harold Steves	
Squamish, District of	Mayor Corinne Lonsdale	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director Susan Gimse	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Lee Turnbull	
City of Vancouver		Pat Wotherspoon
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	Rick Beauchamp
Whistler, Resort Muni of	Mayor Hugh O'Reilly	
City of White Rock	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Kirstie Pirie, Manager		
Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst		
GUESTS:		
Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC South Regional Team		
Heinz Dyck, Provincial Negotiator		
PREPARATION OF MEETING MINUTES:		
Rae Ratslef, President, Raincoast Ventures		

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 March 27, 2002

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled March 27, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 February 20, 2002

On-table letter dated March 18, 2002 from Robin Dodson, Chief Federal Negotiator, providing clarification on his comments at the February 20, 2002 meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held February 20, 2002, be adopted with the following amendments:

- a) Item 3.1, replace paragraph 4 with "Mr. Dodson further elucidated that First Nations would be required to agree that the treaty defines their constitutional right to fish."; and
- b) Item 3.1, replace paragraph 12 with "A further concern noted was in regard to 'piecemeal negotiations' and whether a regional negotiation plan would be preferable. Mr. Dodson informed that the BC Treaty Commission process is structured such that treaties are negotiated on a First Nation by First Nation basis, and as such, fisheries allocations are negotiated on the same basis. However, this does not preclude these allocations from being managed on a regional basis".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

2.2 February 13, 2002 Executive

February 28, 2002 FOSC

March 13, 2002 Executive

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the LMTAC Executive Committee regular meetings held February 13 and March 13, 2002, and the Minutes of the Finance and Organizational Sub-committee meeting held February 28, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

Heinz Dyck, Provincial Negotiator, was introduced to members and provided background information on his professional experience relative to the treaty process.

In response to a member's query concerning the provincial consultation strategy in the event that LMTAC was discontinued due to lack of funding, Mr. Dyck commented that the LMTAC table representatives and the LMTAC Chair would be contacted to devise a consultation strategy.

7:31 p.m.

Councillor Bob Long, Township of Langley, arrived at the meeting.

Further comments from members included the hope that the revised UBCM protocol would clearly spell out how the province would consult with local government in the treaty process, and information regarding the City of Richmond's concerns around treaty implications for ALR lands.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Staff Benefits

- a) Documents titled "Rates for Pacific Blue Cross Individual Plans"; and "Individual Plans Frequently Asked Questions"; and
- b) Email dated January 14, 2002 from Barb Downman regarding "GVRD Staff Benefits".

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board offer its employees Blue Cross individual health and dental coverage under the "First Choice Plan" with the option for an upgrade to any other plan at the employee's expense, and consider such plans as part of future employee compensation packages.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Technical Servicing Agreement Workshop

Document titled "LMTAC Technical Workshop on Servicing Agreements – February 21, 2002 Summary of Results".

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, introduced the document and commented on recommendations for a second workshop. In response to questions, Ms. Pirie anticipated that a second event could be cost-shared with the UBCM under its Community-to-Community forum funding, and that the actual cost to LMTAC would be approximately \$400.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board:

- a) receive for information the document titled "LMTAC Technical Workshop on Servicing Agreements – February 21, 2002 – Summary of Results"; and
- b) direct TSWG to schedule and prepare an outline for a second workshop on servicing agreements based on the feedback received from the first workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 LMTAC Workplan Status Report

Document titled "Workplan 2002 – A Status Report on Key LMTAC Milestones – March 2002".

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receive for information the document titled "Workplan 2002 – A Status Report on Key LMTAC Milestones – March 2002".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Re-Thinking Indigenous Self-Determination – Conference Summary Report by David Didluck

- a) *Document titled "Re-thinking Indigenous Self-Determination – An International Conference on the Theory and Practice of Indigenous Self-determination"; and*
- b) *Conference Summary dated January 15, 2002 from David Didluck.*

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receive for information the Re-thinking Indigenous Self-Determination Conference Summary dated January 15, 2002.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Indian Status - Enrollment and Eligibility Criteria

Report dated January 17, 2002 from Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst.

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, presented the report. Clarification was offered that, since the time of printing, she had been advised that the federal and provincial governments had the same interest in not allowing individuals to receive benefits from more than one treaty. It was noted that the report would be revised to reflect this.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receive for information the report titled "Indian Status-Enrollment and Eligibility Criteria dated January 17, 2002.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.6 Conference Update: Aboriginal Governance in Urban Settings 2002

Memorandum dated March 15, 2002 from Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receive for information the Aboriginal Governance in Urban Settings 2002 Conference Update dated March 15, 2002.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

- a) *LMTAC Member Release titled "Aboriginal Update: Minister Plan Commits to New Agreement with UBCM";*
- b) *On-table excerpt from the March 13, 2002 LMTAC Executive Committee meeting presenting a recommendation concerning the provincial referendum; and draft letter dated March 27, 2002 to Attorney General Geoff Plant regarding the referendum; and*
- c) *On-table letter dated March 22, 2002 from the Chair to the UBCM Aboriginal Affairs Committee Chair requesting that the UBCM consider undertaking a coordinating role for planning a meeting of TACs along the Fraser River to discuss fisheries issues.*

7:46 p.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett departed the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board approve the draft letter dated March 27, 2002 from the LMTAC Chair to Attorney General Plant as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Rick Beauchamp and Steve Hardy absent at the vote.)

Chair Bell reported that a letter was sent to the LMMA requesting the opportunity for LMTAC to present at its AGM regarding the referendum, lack of funding for TACs, and the future of local government in the treaty process. LMTAC was advised that, given that the Agenda for the meeting was quite full, it was unlikely that LMTAC would have the opportunity to present.

Discussion ensued regarding alternative means of communicating LMTAC concerns at the LMMA AGM.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board approve the expenditure of up to \$500 for a LMTAC display booth rental at the LMMA AGM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Staff Report

Report dated March 18, 2002 from Kirstie Pirie, Manager, regarding "Manager Report – February 12 to March 18, 2002 Activities".

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, introduced the report and advised that a lunch and learn session to share information on LMTAC with GVRD staff was scheduled April 25, 2002.

5.3 Communications Sub-Committee (CSC)

Councillor Hollington, Communications Subcommittee Chair, reported that the Subcommittee's work was largely on hold until following the provincial referendum. As well, she noted that the Lower Mainland Urban Forum was proceeding with the BCTC collecting relative information and resource materials.

5.4 Finance and Organizational Sub-Committee (FOSC)

No Finance and Organizational Subcommittee report was provided at the meeting.

5.5 Negotiation Table Reports

On-table document dated March 27, 2002 labeled "Without Prejudice Prepared by British Columbia", titled "Katzie First Nation Treaty Negotiations Status Update".

Councillor Gordon, LMTAC representative to the Katzie table, reviewed the on-table report.

Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC South Regional Team, reported that Tsawwassen was continuing to explore the incremental certainty approach. She advised that some discussion had occurred at the table relative to the possibility of opening some technical meetings, and that the federal negotiators continued to work with Tsawwassen on fisheries issues.

In response to a request for clarification, Ms. Gordon advised that the offer of land to the Tsawwassen stood as tabled, subject to existing land conditions, including those relative to the ALR.

5.6 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Chair Bell advised that a letter regarding the possibility of sharing services among the LMTAC and FVTAC had been sent. It was noted that no response had been received.

5.7 UBCM

Chair Bell reported that LMTAC was receiving the UBCM's cooperation regarding its issues of concern.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Regional Governance Forum

A member questioned the status of the province's offer concerning a local government and First Nations working group that was tabled in the Fall 2001.

Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC South Regional Team, provided background information on the discussion relative to this issue. It was noted, given that the BCTC had engaged LMTAC in a similar process as to what had been intended by the province, the issue had been deferred last Fall. Ms. Gordon indicated her willingness to resume discussions regarding the working group, and to explore opportunities for its funding, at LMTAC's indication.

7. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receive for information the following:

- 7.1 Community to Community Forum-Pemberton News Release
- 7.2 Correspondence – General
- 7.3 Correspondence – City of Nanaimo [Minister Plant]
- 7.4 Web Site Statistical Summary
- 7.5 Tsawwassen First Nation Media Release: Legal Action re. Roberts Bank
- 7.6 LMTAC Mission Statement, Roles and Project Screening Guidelines
- 7.7 Agenda Deadlines 2002
- 7.8 Members Honorarium and Expense Form
- 7.9 Media Clippings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONCLUSION

The Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held March 27, 2002 concluded at 8:15 p.m.