

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

May 28, 2003

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** scheduled Wednesday, May 28, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Board/Committee Room, GVRD Offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
North Vancouver, District of	Mayor Don Bell, Vice Chair	Steve Hardy
Anmore, Village of	Councillor Ken Juvik	
Belcarra, Village of	Councillor Colin Richardson	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett (departed 7:00 p.m.)	
Burnaby, City of	Councillor Lee Rankin	Kimberley Flick
Coquitlam, City of		Sonia Santarossa
Greater Vancouver RD		Marino Piombini
Langley, City of	Councillor Ted Schaffer	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Bob Long (arrived 6:17 p.m.)	Frank Clark-Jones
Lions Bay, Village of	Councillor Lisa Turpin	
Maple Ridge, District of		Ron Riach
New Westminster, City of		Leslie Gilbert
North Vancouver, City of	Councillor Craig Keating (arrived 7:12 p.m.)	
Pitt Meadows, District of	Councillor Debra Eisel	
Port Coquitlam, City of	Councillor Mike Forrest (arrived 6:18 p.m.)	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Vancouver, City of	Councillor Ellen Woodsworth (arrived 7:15 p.m.)	
West Vancouver, District of		Rick Beauchamp
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Kirstie Pirie, Manager		
Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst		
GUESTS:		
Raj Kahlon, Chair, Squamish Lillooet Regional District		
PREPARATION OF MEETING MINUTES:		
Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures		

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bell confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 May 28, 2003

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled May 28, 2003, be adopted with the addition of Item 9.2 , "National Aboriginal Day".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

2.1 April 23, 2003 Board

2.2 May 14, 2003 Executive Committee

May 6, 2003 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held April 23, 2003, be adopted as circulated, and that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held May 14, 2003 and the LMTAC Finance and Organizational Sub-committee held May 6, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

There were no delegations.

4. REPORTS

4.1 First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) Bill C-49 Policy Update

Report dated May 2, 2003, from Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, providing an update regarding the "First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) Bill C-49 Policy".

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, reviewed the subject report and identified concerns contained therein. It was noted that although four of the five Lower Mainland First Nations involved in treaty negotiations were currently signatories to the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management, none of them had proceeded any further. Ms. Schlecker confirmed that when First Nations completed treaties, their Treaty Settlement Lands were no longer considered Section 91 (24) reserve lands and the *Indian Act* no longer applied.

Vice Chair Bell added that the policy provided First Nations with a greater degree of autonomy over their lands. Although Katzie was actively engaged in a treaty process and may later proceed with the Bill C-49 process, it was noted that Squamish was pursuing the Bill C-49 avenue, rather than focusing on the treaty process. Members were advised that the Land Management Act process required community involvement and could be compared to an extensive Official Community Plan process.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the report titled "First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) Bill C-49", dated May 2, 2003.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. TABLE PROGRESS REPORTS

a) Katzie

Ron Riach, District of Maple Ridge, noted that the province tabled an approach to governance at the Katzie meeting in May, which would be further reviewed at their next meeting. It was noted that table discussions would proceed towards defining principles regarding culture, heritage, wildlife, parks, environmental issues and an interest comparison chart. Recent presentations regarding fiscal relations and implementation plans were also acknowledged.

Mr. Riach added that Katzie was collaboratively considering treaty related measures relative to culture and heritage with local government, and was also considering federal and provincial funding possibilities for forestry and tourism proposals. The meeting was informed that a Fraser River tour had been scheduled in the forthcoming week to provide a waterside view of Katzie lands, and that a salmon barbeque had been scheduled July 18, 2003, for invited local government representatives.

6:17 p.m.

Councillor Bob Long arrived at the meeting.

b) **Musqueam**
No items presented.

c) **Squamish**
A member noted that the Squamish First Nation was currently involved in a land resource management plan, and suggested that further LMTAC discussion was required in this regard.

Request for Action

It was requested that LMTAC invite Squamish table negotiators to a future meeting, to provide a briefing and update regarding the Indian River Valley.

d) **Tsawwassen**
No items presented.

e) **Tsleil-Waututh**
No items presented.

f) **Other**
Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, noted that approval of Snuneymuxw First Nation's draft Agreement in Principle (AIP) had been delayed another sixty to ninety days, and that the ratification date for Lheidli T'enneh's draft AIP had yet to be announced.

6:18 p.m.

Councillor Mike Forrest arrived at the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the verbal table progress reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance and Organizational Sub-Committee (FOSC)

6.1a) LMTAC's 2002 Audited Statement

LMTAC document titled "Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures" dated December 31, 2002.

Councillor Lee Rankin, FOSC Vice Chair, reviewed the subject document and acknowledged amendments to the accrual of provincial contributions. Members were advised that considering the depletion of provincial contributions, additional funds would be sought from the province, and that regional districts may be requested to provide additional funding.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the audited statement of operating revenues and expenses and accompanying information, dated December 31, 2002.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1b) Treaty Table Fund

LMTAC document titled "Report Flow Summary – LMTAC Treaty Table Reserve Fund".

Councillor Rankin, FOSC Vice Chair, advised that the subject amendment was requested by the auditors.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse the name change of the "LMTAC Reserve Fund" to "Treaty Table Fund".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1c) Operating Procedure Updates

LMTAC document titled "LMTAC Operating Procedures".

Councillor Rankin, FOSC Vice Chair, reviewed each of the proposed changes to the LMTAC Operating Procedures, and discussed their intent.

It was noted that the Executive Committee should consider participation and/or attendance of local government representatives located outside the described geographic area, at in-camera discussions relating to negotiations.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse the highlighted changes to the following sections of the LMTAC Operating Procedures:

- 1.0 Establishment;
- 3.0 Membership;
- 6.0 Voting;
- 8.0 Representation at Negotiation Tables;
- 11.2 Expenses;
- 13.0 Financial Policies;
- 15.0 Relationship with Neighbouring TAC's; and
- 16.0 Miscellaneous (amended to include "of members present" after the word "vote").

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1d) LMTAC Budget 2004 Preliminary Assumptions

LMTAC document titled "Preliminary LMTAC Budget 2004 Assumptions".

Councillor Rankin, FOSC Vice Chair, acknowledged Nanaimo's recent \$5,000 contribution to LMTAC. Members were advised that the Attorney General had been asked to reconsider their lack of support for LMTAC and that alternate funding sources were also being sought. As the lack of funding had created financial concerns, it was noted that both FOSC and CSC had only been meeting as and when necessary. Members were reminded that LMTAC participation at table meetings was essential and required funding.

A member suggested that consideration be given to a reduced honorarium and questioned the Attorney General's previous indication that funds would be made available to address costs associated with specific tables. Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Manager, referenced a May 9, 2003 letter to the Attorney General in this regard, noting that a response had not yet been received.

Vice Chair Bell acknowledged the need to increase LMTAC awareness amongst new GVRD Board members. It was noted that LMTAC presentations at a local government level could be arranged as local government support had always been welcomed. Members were reminded of a previously electronically distributed LMTAC document intended to encourage financial support from local government.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse the Preliminary LMTAC Budget 2004 Assumptions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Communications Sub-Committee

No items presented.

6.2a) Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee Key Role #2

Report from Kirstie Pirie, Manager, titled "Communications Sub-Committee Recommendation to Change LMTAC Key Role #2" dated March 31, 2003.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse a change in LMTAC's key role #2, such that "Advise and educate about local government and First Nations roles and interests in area treaty processes", be deleted and replaced with "Advise and update LMTAC members regarding local government interests in Aboriginal issues and in treaty negotiations".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett departed the meeting.

6.2b) LMTAC Workplan: Communications Related Items

LMTAC document titled "LMTAC Workplan 2003 – A Summary of Key LMTAC Milestones".

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse moving all items from the Annual Activity section (New Members Orientation, Annual Members Survey and Update Regional Districts) of the LMTAC Workplan, to the Communications / CSC section of the Workplan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

Sample Correspondence dated May 9, 2003 from LMTAC Chair Drew, addressed to Mayor Weinberg and Council of the village of Anmore, regarding "Treaty Negotiations in the Lower Mainland and the role of LMTAC".

Vice Chair Bell noted that he had attended the recent LMMA conference, on behalf of Chair Drew, along with Kirstie Pirie, Manager. The meeting was informed that LMTAC hosted a booth at the conference and also provided a presentation during the AGM portion of the meeting. Members were encouraged to attend future LMMA conferences.

7.2 Staff Report

Report from Kirstie Pirie, Manager regarding "Manager Report: April 14 – May 16, 2003 Activities" dated May 16, 2003.

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, referenced the subject report, and LMTAC's attendance at the recent LMMA conference. Members were advised that LMMA charged a significantly reduced fee for LMTAC's attendance and booth. Meetings with Nanaimo staff were acknowledged, noting that beneficial communications were initiated. Councillor Bob Long's ascension to the LMMA Board and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale's participation at the conference were also acknowledged.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the Chair and staff reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Document from the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee titled "Summary of Current Issues" dated April 30, 2003.

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, referenced the subject document, noting that the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee only met on an as needed basis with its next meeting scheduled in July 2003.

8.2 UBCM

Councillor Corinne Lonsdale advised that she attended UBCM Aboriginal Affairs Committee. It was noted that keen interest was expressed relative to fisheries issues, which will continue to be monitored. Other major issues were also addressed at the forum including discussions by the Aboriginal Affairs Committee regarding the First Nations Land Management Act. Members were encouraged to attend the upcoming community-to-community forum co-hosted by the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the verbal miscellaneous reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Distribution of LMTAC Board Minutes via E-Mail

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, acknowledged that LMTAC members wanted to provide updated information to their respective Councils, based on unapproved draft meeting minutes. It was noted that the minutes would be circulated electronically only at the request of LMTAC members, for security reasons.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board amend its April 23, 2003 motion, which stated:

“That the LMTAC Board direct staff to circulate unapproved draft minutes of Board meetings electronically and within one week of holding a meeting”, to read

“That the LMTAC Board direct staff to circulate unapproved draft minutes of Board meetings electronically at the request of LMTAC members”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 National Aboriginal Day

Kirstie Pirie, Manager referenced information previously shared with LMTAC members relative to National Aboriginal Day.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board direct staff to distribute to members summarized information regarding National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2003, accompanied by key points that could be included in a sample letter intended for Mayors to distribute to their neighbouring First Nations, inviting them to attend a Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7:12 p.m.

Councillor Craig Keating arrived at the meeting.

10. INFORMATION

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, referenced the April 23, 2003 Meeting of the LMTAC Table Representatives, which provided an opportunity to hear current information and to discuss potential improvements.

7:15 p.m.

Councillor Ellen Woodsworth arrived at the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board request LMTAC Table Representatives to meet on an as needed basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, agreed to receive issues of concerns related to fisheries, for inclusion in the meeting notes.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receive for information the following:

- 10.1 Summary Notes from LMTAC Table Rep Meeting April 23, 2003
- 10.2 Web Site Statistical Summary
- 10.3 Mission Statement, Roles and Project Screening Guidelines
- 10.4 Correspondence – Fisheries
- 10.5 Correspondence – General
- 10.6 Schedule of Meetings for 2003
- 10.7 Honorarium and Expense Form
- 10.8 Media Clippings
- 10.9 Snuneymuxw First Nation AIP Intergovernmental Relations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held May 28, 2003 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 7:18 p.m.)