

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement

The BC Treaty Commission and the Lheidli T'enneh Band announced on August 1, 2006, that Chief Negotiators for the First Nation, Canada and the province of British Columbia have successfully concluded final treaty negotiations to reach the first treaty agreement under the BC treaty process. The Lheidli T'enneh Band is community of 312 members, with reserve lands located within the City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Terms of the agreement include self-government, \$27 million in one-time funding, \$400 000 per year in revenue sharing for 50 years, 4330 hectares of treaty lands, 107,000 cubic meters in long-term wood supply, 9000-10000 sockeye for food, social and ceremonial purposes annually (depending on run size), and 6000 sockeye for sale annually. The Lheidli T'enneh commercial fishery would be concurrent with a non-aboriginal commercial fishery opening.

The agreement will be initialled by all three negotiators in September when remaining side agreements are finalized and the legal review complete. Once initialled, the agreement will go to all three parties for ratification.

### LMTAC Technical Workshop on Servicing Agreements

On June 28, 2006 LMTAC hosted a Technical Workshop on Servicing Agreements. Turnout for the workshop was strong, and is indicative of an interest among local governments to build positive intergovernmental relationships with First Nation communities, regardless of developments in the treaty process.

Highlights of the workshop included a presentation from legal expert Donald Lidstone (*Lidstone, Young Anderson*) and a panel discussion involving three Lower Mainland municipalities that are either in the process of negotiating, or have recently completed, a service agreement with a neighbouring First Nation community. The workshop also provided an opportunity for members to comment on the draft discussion paper *Towards a Model Local Government Service Agreement with Lower Mainland First Nations*.

### Final Report of the Province-Wide C2C Forum Released

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the First Nations Summit (FNS) recently released the final report of the March 10, 2006 Province Wide Community-to-Community Forum- *Moving From Dialogue to Partnership: Exploring Innovative Local Government-First Nation Partnerships*. For members who were unable to attend, the report provides a detailed review of the Forum's proceedings.

For LMTAC members interested in hosting a regional Community-Community Forum with their neighbouring First Nations, UBCM and the FNS will reimburse forums hosts with up to 50% of the cost of the forum.

The Province Wide Community-to-Community Forum final report and information on grant applications for a Regional Community-to-Community Forum are available at [www.civicnet.bc.ca](http://www.civicnet.bc.ca): click on: *Featured Policy Topics, First Nations Relations, Community-to-Community Forum Program*.

Upcoming Public Board Meetings:  
September 27, 2006  
October 25, 2006 (Tentative)

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## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006

During the July 2006 Board meeting, LMTAC members endorsed the draft 2007 LMTAC Budget. Following this endorsement, LMTAC will embark on its annual regional district tour in the fall.

The Board was also provided with a 2006 Workplan status update, as well as reports on treaty provisions for resource harvest allocations, the implications of *Haida* on local government duties to consult, and potential topics for Community-to-Community Forums.

Board members also received an update from Mayor Lois Jackson, Corporation of Delta, on the July 24 signing of service agreements with the Tsawwassen First Nation for the provision of water and fire services. A separate agreement for police service is pending discussions with senior governments.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

In the fall, the Katzie First Nation will be presenting before the GVRD *Aboriginal Relations Committee* to discuss their interests in the region. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

In February 2006, the table initiated a Treaty Related Measure on land selection to further development of the AIP Lands Chapter. July 18-20 the Parties participated in a land tour of the Pitt Lake area.

Following the August break, Parties are scheduled to continue meeting on average 2 days a month. The next meetings are scheduled for September 12-13. All meetings are open to the public and are usually held at the Katzie Band Office in Pitt Meadows.

***Councillor Mel Kositsky is the LMTAC representative to the Katzie negotiations.***

### Tsawwassen Table (Stage 5)

Following the signing of an Agreement-in-Principle in 2004, the table continues with Final Agreement negotiations. Parties are currently exploring ways to address outstanding issues, common among all Final Agreement tables, and include: placement of governance powers, role of First Nations off-treaty settlement land, fisheries, own-source revenue and funding for technical support to conclude agreements. Parties continue to work towards a tripartite goal of reaching a Final Agreement by the end of 2006.

***Councillor Harold Steves is the LMTAC representative to the Tsawwassen negotiations.***

## Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation recently entered into a Partnership Agreement with the provincial Integrated Land Management Bureau to develop an *Integrated Land and Resource Management Plan for the Indian River Watershed*. Through this agreement, the First Nation and B.C. wish to create a showcase of sustainable land use and natural resource management in the Indian River Watershed for the 2010 Olympics.

Parties recently met on July 17 in Vancouver to initiate discussions on land selection options. Regular negotiation meetings are scheduled for the remainder of 2006, with the next Main Table Working Group meeting to be held on September 14 in Vancouver.

***Councillor Alan Nixon is the LMTAC representative to the Tsleil-Waututh negotiations.***

## LMTAC BUSINESS

### Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

On June 28, FASC members reached a significant milestone on their 2006 Workplan and recommended a draft 2007 Budget to the Executive. The draft Budget was subsequently endorsed by the LMTAC Executive Committee on July 12 and LMTAC Board on July 28.

At the June 28 meeting, FASC members also initiated work on a draft 2007 LMTAC Workplan and endorsed a recommendation to send correspondence to LMTAC member administrators to encourage their jurisdiction to include a weblink to [www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca) on their website.

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

Following the June 28 technical servicing agreement workshop and July 28 deadline for comments, TSWG members will begin the process of incorporating comments received from member jurisdictions into a final version of *Towards a Model Local Government Service Agreement with Lower Mainland First Nations* for release by October 2006. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2006.

This Bulletin provides a general overview of recent activities and major issues dealt with by LMTAC representatives. It is not intended to reflect all of the issues before the Committee. Any opinions expressed herein are solely of LMTAC.

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