

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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### Upcoming Public LMTAC Board Meetings:

Inaugural Board & Elections  
January 27, 2010  
No meeting in February 2010

March 24, 2010

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### BC Treaty Commission Update

#### Commissioner Announcements

In November, Shana Manson, was elected to represent the First Nations Summit (FNS) as a BC Treaty Commissioner. Ms. Manson was formerly a treaty negotiator for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group, and is from the Lyackson First Nation of Vancouver Island. She is one of two FNS commissioners at the BC Treaty Commission (BCTC).

Also in November, the Honourable Chuck Strahl announced that Jerry Lampert was reappointed by the Government of Canada to the BCTC. Mr. Lampert was originally appointed a commissioner in December 2007.

#### Treaty Completion Benefits Economy

The BCTC recently released the PricewaterhouseCoopers study *Financial and Economic Impacts of Treaty Settlements in British Columbia* on the potential economic benefits of treaty settlements in British Columbia. Based on analysis of the Maan-Nulth, Tsawwassen, and Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreements, the report estimates that if all sixty First Nations in the Treaty Process concluded Final Agreements in the next 15 years, the net economic benefit in the province could exceed \$10 billion. The report is available at [www.bctreaty.net](http://www.bctreaty.net).

### Discussion Paper on Consultation with First Nations

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the LMTAC Board endorsed the LMTAC discussion paper *Local Government Consultation with First Nations*. The paper examines challenges in consulting with First Nations from a local government perspective, and presents outstanding questions for the consideration of the Federal and Provincial government.

At the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, members endorsed additions to the discussion paper, addressing concerns related to Archaeological Branch referrals and First Nation consultation fees. The discussion paper is available at [www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca).

### Squamish Nation Election

The Squamish Nation general election was held December 6, 2009. Sixteen band council positions were elected, with Chiefs Gibby Jacobs, Dick Williams, Bill Williams and Ian Campbell all returning to council.

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

LMTAC Members endorsed the draft 2010 LMTAC Budget, with revisions to reflect the cancellation of Provincial grant funding Updates on treaty table activity were also provided.

### November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

LMTAC Members unanimously endorsed the draft 2010 LMTAC Workplan and memorandum to Councils and Boards regarding fees for consultation. Members also received an in-camera update on Tsleil-Waututh treaty negotiations and implementation of the Tsawwassen Final Agreement.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

Parties at the Katzie Table continue to make steady progress towards an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP), with the Main Table Working Group (MTWG) meeting monthly. Recent MTWG discussion has focused on the following chapters; *General Provisions, Governance, Crown Corridors*, and harvesting chapters.

Technical work related to the creation of a potential land package remains ongoing between the Parties, and discussion of the draft *Intergovernmental Relations* chapter has increased in recent months.

The next MTWG meetings are scheduled on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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*Happy Holidays!*

## Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Tsleil-Waututh (TWN) negotiations continue, with monthly meetings scheduled until March 2010. Recent table milestones include completion of significant portions of the AIP *Governance* chapter, and a formal dinner between Chief Negotiators and TWN Chief and Council. Parties are scheduled to meet December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for discussion of the following draft AIP chapters; *Local Government Relations, Environment, and Culture and Heritage*.

The first TWN MTWG meeting of 2010 is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

TSWG met October 15<sup>th</sup> to review the draft 2010 LMTAC Workplan. The Workplan received unanimous LMTAC Board endorsement on November 25<sup>th</sup>. At the October TSWG meeting, members also received an update on development of the draft *Intergovernmental Relations* chapter at the Katzie treaty table.

The first TSWG meeting date of 2010 will be determined in the New Year.

### Finance and Administration Sub-Committee

In an effort streamline operations, Board members unanimously endorsed consolidating FASC activities into the Executive Committee responsibilities. Amendments to the LMTAC Operating Procedures to reflect this change were adopted at the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board.

### Annual Orientation / Refresher Session

Please note that as part of LMTAC's continued efforts to streamline operations, we will not be hosting a full day orientation event in January. A one hour orientation will be provided as part of the Inaugural Board Meeting and Elections on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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.