

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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Upcoming Public Board Meetings:

February 28, 2007  
March 28, 2007

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### LMTAC Inaugural Board Meeting and Election Results

At the January 31<sup>st</sup> Inaugural Board meeting, LMTAC acclaimed Mayor Ralph Drew as LMTAC Chair for the fifth consecutive year. Councillor Corinne Lonsdale was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of LMTAC for a second year and continues in her roles as representative to the Squamish Treaty Table and Chair of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee.

#### 2007 Election Results

##### *Executive Committee:*

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Tsawwassen Table Representative  
At-Large Members

Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)  
Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)  
Councillor Linda Barnes (Richmond)  
Councillor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island)  
Councillor Mary Wade Anderson (White Rock)

##### *FASC:*

Chair  
Vice Chair  
At-Large Members

Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)  
Director John Turner (Squamish-Lillooet RD)  
Councillor Colin Richardson (Belcarra)  
Councillor Bob Osterman (New Westminster)  
Councillor Ted Schaffer (City of Langley)

##### *FVTAC Representative:*

Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)

### Comparative Analysis of Tsawwassen Final Agreement

The LMTAC Board endorsed a revised, final version of the document *Comparative Analysis of LMTAC Interests with the Tsawwassen Final Agreement* for broad public distribution at the January 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. The document compares aspects of the *Tsawwassen Final Agreement* with LMTAC First Principles and interest statements. Of the 81 Final Agreement topics identified to be of interest to local government, 71 were found to be consistent with LMTAC's First Principles, 6 were identified as inconsistent, and 4 were identified as "not applicable" but highlighted for the general interest of members.

The *Comparative Analysis* is available on the LMTAC website and has been distributed to all LMTAC member jurisdictions, the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, all Lower Mainland MLAs and MPs, as well as other interested parties.

### LMTAC 2007 Orientation/ Refresher Session

On January 24<sup>th</sup> both new and returning LMTAC members and interested colleagues from member jurisdictions assembled for LMTAC's annual Orientation/Refresher Session. LMTAC received very positive feedback from this year's event and members valued presentations from outgoing BC Treaty Commissioner, Michael Harcourt, and Ms. Sandra Carter of the law firm *Bull, Housser & Tupper*. Thank you to all participants and speakers for contributing towards another successful event!

Presentation materials and speaking notes are available on the LMTAC website [www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca): in the left-hand column under 'LMTAC', click on "2007 Orientation Session".

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007

Following LMTAC Executive and sub-committee elections, members received a detailed briefing from the Chief Provincial Negotiator at the Tsawwassen Treaty Table on shared territory resolution, ratification, and implementation of the Tsawwassen Final Agreement. On the topic of implementation, LMTAC members were urged to consider in which ways they may want to participate in the 'next steps' of the Tsawwassen Treaty Table

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

Parties at the Katzie Treaty Table continue to develop draft Agreement-in-Principle chapters at a steady pace, with regular meetings scheduled through 2007.

Recent discussion topics have included: Overlap/Shared Territory issues; Forest Resources; Water; Wildlife; and pre-treaty Land Management options.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Katzie Band Office in Pitt Meadows, with discussion on Fish, Resources and Environment, and Intergovernmental Relations.

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

### Tsawwassen Table (Stage 5)

The Tsawwassen Final Agreement was initialled at a ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. A First Nation community vote to ratify the Final Agreement is anticipated sometime in July 2007. Following, Canada and British Columbia must pass settlement legislation in order for all three Parties to proceed with signing and implementation of the agreement.

**Councillor Linda Barnes is the LMTAC representative to the Tsawwassen negotiations.**

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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## Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Tsleil-Waututh Treaty Table activity has been increasing at a steady pace, with at least two meetings per month scheduled until July, and substantial progress towards an Agreement-in-Principle is expected in 2007.

Parties met on January 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss rural land selection options in the Indian River Watershed, and on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for a Chief Negotiators meeting and discussions on Land Title, Wildlife, and Migratory Birds.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Tsleil-Waututh endorsed the *Unity Protocol Agreement*, a document signed by over 45 First Nations seeking to jointly engage Canada and BC in the negotiation of issues of common interest.

The next meetings are scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

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

The first FASC meeting of the New Year is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Amongst the committee's priorities for 2007 is the development of a communications strategy for the *Tsawwassen Final Agreement*. In keeping with this priority, LMTAC will be fulfilling requests by member jurisdictions to present on LMTAC's recently released *Comparative Analysis of LMTAC Interests with the Tsawwassen Final Agreement*.

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

At their January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, TSWG members reviewed and provided comments on the draft *Comparative Analysis of LMTAC Interests with the Tsawwassen Final Agreement*. The suggested revisions were endorsed by the LMTAC Executive and Board on January 31<sup>st</sup>, and were incorporated in the final *Comparative Analysis* prior to distribution.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, TSWG members initiated work on key items from their 2007 workplan, including development of a 'Lessons Learned and Best Practices' document based on the LMTAC experience at the Tsawwassen Treaty Table, policy research and analysis on the six key issues identified in the First Nation' *Unity Protocol Agreement*, and consideration of LMTAC's role during the implementation stage at the Tsawwassen Treaty Table.