

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Tsawwassen Chief Kim Baird Speaks to LMTAC

LMTAC was honoured to have Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Kim Baird attend the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Chief Baird updated members on Tsawwassen’s implementation activities, noting that there are currently 39 projects that must be completed in advance of the treaty Effective Date of April 3, 2009. Further discussion centred on the topic of local government – First Nation relations, and the challenges and opportunities presented by Tsawwassen membership in Metro Vancouver post-effective date.

### Delta, Tsawwassen First Nation Announce Memorandum of Agreement

The Corporation of Delta and the Tsawwassen First Nation announced on October 24, 2008 that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) had been reached to provide services for Tsawwassen Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL). The MOA takes a ‘global servicing’ approach, expanding upon existing service agreements for police, fire, water, animal control and emergency planning to include drainage and irrigation, dike maintenance and flood management, roads, parks and recreation, and library services. The MOA provides both Tsawwassen and Delta with certainty as the First Nation prepares to implement its historic treaty on April 3, 2009. A media release, staff report, and copy of the MOA are available for download on the Corporation of Delta website ([www.corp.delta.bc.ca](http://www.corp.delta.bc.ca)).

### Squamish Nation and District of North Vancouver Sign MOU & Protocol

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Squamish Nation and the District of North Vancouver entered into a *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Protocol Agreement* to formalize and maintain a long-term, cooperative government-to-government relationship through effective communications and the establishment of a Steering Committee comprised of political and/or staff representatives. Parties commit to work together on all areas of mutual interest, including: policing, land use planning, servicing, intergovernmental relations, culture & heritage.

### MOU Provides Role for Local Government in the *New Relationship*

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the UBCM Annual Convention in Penticton, the Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and UBCM President Susie Gimse signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), providing a role for local government in the *New Relationship*. The new MOU not only continues to provide a role for local government in treaty negotiations, but commits the Province to consult and exchange information with local government during the negotiation of non-treaty land and resource agreements, and on matters that will have a significant impact on local government jurisdiction. A copy of the new MOU is available for download on the LMTAC website ([www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca)).

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**October 22, 2008**

Further to Chief Kim Baird's update on Tsawwassen Final Agreement implementation activities, LMTAC Board members commented on development of the 2009 Workplan, endorsed the draft 2009 Budget, and approved a recommendation to adopt a five-year financial planning process, similar to other local government entities.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) negotiations with the Katzie First Nation remain steady, following the cancellation of meetings in September. At the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Parties received a presentation on the Township of Langley's draft Groundwater Management Plan, and considered how groundwater management concerns may be reflected in treaty negotiations. Meetings on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> initiated the land selection process, which is expected to continue throughout 2009.

Parties also updated the table work plan, scheduling 2-3 Main Table Working Group (MTWG) meetings monthly until August 2009, along with projected milestones towards and AIP. The next meetings are scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

The Tsleil-Waututh table continues to be active, with scheduled meetings each month. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, The MTWG reviewed outstanding issues, and considered Tsleil-Waututh proposals on the draft AIP *Governance* chapter. Parties met September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss *Culture & Heritage* and reviewed the *Roads and Rights of Way* and *Access* chapters on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming meetings include a MTWG scheduled November 4<sup>th</sup>, and a Chief Negotiators' meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

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

FASC members met October 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the 2009 draft Budget, Workplan, and Orientation Session. The 2009 Orientation Session has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the new MOU between UBCM and the Province. FASC members also recommended that staff continue the LMTAC Board-in-Brief following a three month trial period.

Consistent with 2009 Budget preparations, LMTAC has recently completed its annual regional district tours. Updates on LMTAC activities and key projects were recently provided to the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee October 3<sup>rd</sup> and to the Finance Committee October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Sunshine Coast Regional District on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

At the September 11<sup>th</sup> TSWG meeting, members prepared a draft 2009 Workplan, which received Board endorsement on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Members also considered a draft briefing note for an upcoming LMTAC Executive Committee meeting with the Ministries of Community Development and Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

At the next TSWG meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>, members will review a draft discussion paper summarizing LMTAC interests with respect to the Common Table negotiations. It is anticipated that a final draft will be presented to Board members for their consideration on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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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