

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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### Upcoming Public LMTAC Board Meetings:

February 25, 2009

March 25, 2009

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### LMTAC Inaugural Board Meeting Election Results

At the inaugural 2009 LMTAC Board meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, LMTAC Board members acclaimed Mayor Ralph Drew as Chair for the seventh consecutive year. Councillor Corinne Lonsdale, a member of LMTAC since its inception in 1994, was acclaimed as the LMTAC Vice-Chair for a fourth year, and continues to serve as Chair of the *Finance and Administration Sub-Committee* (FASC). Other positions elected include Table Representatives, Executive Committee At-Large, FASC and Fraser Valley TAC Representative.

#### 2009 Election Results

##### *Executive Committee:*

Chair	Mayor Ralph Drew (Metro Vancouver)
Vice Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)
Katzie Table Representative	Councillor Mel Kositsky (Langley Township)
Musqueam Table Representative	Councillor Linda Barnes (Richmond)
Squamish Table Representative	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)
Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative	Councillor Alan Nixon (North Vancouver Dist.)
At-Large Members	Councillor James Coleridge (White Rock)
	Councillor Anne Peterson (Delta)

##### Regional District Representatives

Mayor Ralph Drew (Metro Vancouver)  
Mayor Jordon Sturdy (Squamish Lillooet)  
Director Lee Turnbull (Sunshine Coast)

##### *FASC:*

Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)
Vice Chair	Councillor Linda Barnes (Richmond)
At-Large Members	Councillor Colin Richardson (Belcarra)
	Councillor Bob Osterman (New Westminster)
	Councillor Craig Speirs (Maple Ridge)

##### *FVTAC Representative:*

Councillor Mel Kositsky (Langley Township)

### LMTAC Annual Orientation Workshop

LMTAC would like to thank all the participants that attended the 2009 Orientation Workshop, on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, for another successful event. This year's theme focused on the *New Relationship*, and implementation of the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Province and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and featured the Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) as the keynote speaker. Additional presentations were provided by UBCM President Chair Robert Hobson, and both UBCM and MARR staff representatives..

All Orientation Workshop documents are available for download on the LMTAC website; [www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca).

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**January 28, 2009**

Following the inaugural Board meeting elections, LMTAC members received an in-camera update on the implementation of the *Tsawwassen Final Agreement*. Briefings were also provided on the status of Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh Agreement-in-Principle negotiations. Members were further reminded to have their respective Councils and Boards review the discussion paper *Summary of LMTAC Interests with Regarding Common Table Negotiations*.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

The Katzie table continues to make progress in Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) negotiations, with 2-3 meetings per month scheduled until July 2009. Main Table Working Group (MTWG) meetings on January 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> included discussion of the draft AIP *Governance* chapter, as well as several process chapters. Further, the table recently received a presentation on the local government bylaw dispute adjudication process, and Parties are considering how Katzie can be eligible to participate in this process, post-treaty.

Further to a Board request, LMTAC staff distributed an in-camera memorandum in early February on the status of Katzie negotiations to all local governments located within Katzie's traditional territory. A copy of the memorandum will be provided to all members in the February Board agenda package, and can be shared with LMTAC member Councils and Boards on a confidential basis.

The next MTWG meetings are scheduled to occur February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Pitt Meadows, with discussion on the draft AIP *Tax, Fiscal Relations* and *General Provisions* chapters.

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

## Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

AIP negotiations continue at the Tsleil-Waututh table, with meetings scheduled each month. Parties met on January 13<sup>th</sup> for a Main Table Working Group (MTWG) meeting to discuss a Tsleil-Waututh Urban Land Identification Treaty Related Measure proposal, and the draft AIP *Capital Transfer and Negotiation Loan Repayment* chapters.

The next scheduled MTWG meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Chief Negotiators' meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Tsleil-Waututh Nation is tentatively scheduled to present on their *Stewardship Policy* at a future LMTAC Board meeting.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

TSWG members met for their first meeting of 2009 on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Members brainstormed upcoming LMTAC policy needs and ways to encourage greater local government staff participation. Members also initiated work on a request from FASC to develop guidelines to assist the Province in understanding how and when to consult local governments on land and resource negotiations under the *New Relationship*.

The next scheduled TSWG meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>, and all interested local government staff are encouraged to attend.

### Finance and Administration Sub-Committee

The first FASC meeting of 2009 was held February 4<sup>th</sup>. FASC members reviewed priorities identified in the 2009 Workplan and will be working with TSWG members on creating a set of guidelines to assist with implementation of the new Memorandum of Understanding with the Province.

The next FASC meeting is tentatively scheduled on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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