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Lower Mainland Area Local Governments Elect Representatives For Treaty Negotiations

Burnaby, BC ... On Wednesday, January 25th, 2006, local government representatives to the *Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC)* — the body that coordinates and represents the interests of Lower Mainland area local governments in the BC Treaty Process — acclaimed **Mayor Ralph Drew** as **LMTAC Chair** for the fourth consecutive year. **Councillor Corinne Lonsdale**, a member of LMTAC since its inception in 1994, was acclaimed as the new Vice-Chair of LMTAC and continues her role as representative to the Squamish treaty negotiations. Mayor Drew is the *Greater Vancouver Regional District's* representative to the committee and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale represents the District of Squamish on LMTAC.

In his role as Chair, Mayor Drew leads the largest of the 17 local government *Treaty Advisory Groups* (TACs) in the Province. LMTAC members consist of 23 individual municipal and three regional district jurisdictions (Greater Vancouver, Squamish Lillooet and Sunshine Coast) covering the geographic area from Pemberton and Whistler to Langley and Maple Ridge.

“It has been essential for LMTAC to be a part of the discussions at all treaty tables across the region, especially our involvement in Final Agreement negotiations at the Tsawwassen treaty table, to ensure that issues of importance to Lower Mainland residents and municipal governments are raised and understood by the First Nations, federal and provincial governments. Governance and exploring how First Nation governments will interface with local and regional governments remains a key topic of interest in the Lower Mainland because it is such a highly urbanized area. I believe that working to build positive, intergovernmental relations between our communities will be key,” Drew said.

In recognition of the work ahead leading to a Final Agreement, Chair Drew offered: “LMTAC looks forward to continued involvement as part of the provincial negotiating team and being part of the creation of a successful final treaty for Tsawwassen and area communities.”

LMTAC works as a member of the Provincial treaty negotiating team and continues to provide advice and guidance from a local perspective to five Lower Mainland area treaty tables: Tsawwassen, Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Squamish and Musqueam.

All public documents are available from LMTAC's web site.

For further information on LMTAC and its activities, please contact Regan Schlecker, LMTAC Managing Director, at (604) 451-6198 or visit us at www.lmtac.bc.ca.

2006 LMTAC Elected Positions

Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)
Vice Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Musqueam Table Representative	Councillor Jean Ferguson (City of West Vancouver)
Tsawwassen Table Representative	Councillor Harold Steves (City of Richmond)
Squamish Table Representative	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative	Councillor Alan Nixon (District of North Vancouver)
Katzie Table Representative	Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)
At Large Members	Councillor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island Municipality)
	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson (City of White Rock)
Regional District Representatives:	
Greater Vancouver	Mayor Ralph Drew (Belcarra)
Squamish Lillooet	Director John Turner (Electoral Area D)
Sunshine Coast	Mayor Barry Janyk (Town of Gibsons)

Finance and Organizational Subcommittee (FASC)

Chair	Councillor Corrine Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Vice Chair	Director John Turner (Electoral Area D, SLRD)
At Large Member	Councillor Colin Richardson (Village of Belcarra)
At Large Member	Councillor Bob Osterman (City of New Westminster)
At Large Member	Councillor Ted Schaffer (City of Langley)
Ex-Officio Member (LMTAC Chair)	Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)

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Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)