

**LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

September 6, 2000

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Communications Subcommittee** held at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2000, in the 3rd floor committee room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

ATTENDANCE	
JURISDICTION	TAC REPRESENTATIVE
City of White Rock	Councillor James Coleridge (Chair)
Village of Anmore	Mayor Hal Weinberg (Vice Chair)
Village of Lions Bay	Councillor Peter Stevenson
City of Port Moody	Councillor Meghan Lahti
City of Surrey	Councillor Jeanne Eddington
LMTAC STAFF	
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Communications Coordinator
Rae Ratslef	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures
GUESTS:	
Mark Atherton, Manager, Treaty Consultation, BC Team South (via teleconference, departed 10:58 a.m.)	
Helen Davies, Advisor, FTNO Public Information and Consultation (departed 10:58 a.m.)	
Ellen Frisch, Consultation Manager, BC Team South (via teleconference, departed 10:58 a.m.)	
Lucie Zarahoff, Manager, FTNO Public Information and Consultation (departed 10:58 a.m.)	

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Coleridge called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 September 6, 2000 Communications Subcommittee Agenda

It was MOVED (Lahti) and SECONDED (Stevenson)

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee scheduled September 6, 2000 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 July 13, 2000 Communications Subcommittee Minutes

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Lahti)

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee held July 13, 2000 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Opinion Leaders Dinner

Document dated August 28, 2000 labeled "For Discussion Purposes Only – Without Prejudice", titled "Opinion Leaders' Dinners Proposal".

Helen Davies, Advisor, FTNO Public Information and Consultation, reviewed the documentation provided. Lucie Zarahoff, Manager, FTNO Public Information and Consultation, clarified that the purpose of the proposed dinners is to introduce the federal and provincial negotiating teams and to convey treaty and First Nations related information to business leaders to assist in building

relationships with First Nations at the conclusion of treaties. Confirmation was provided that the federal and provincial governments will share the cost of hosting the dinners.

Members considered the viability of organizing dinners to involve more than one municipality. Note was made that multi-municipality dinners could result in too many attendees and affect the ability for information exchange. Support was expressed for individual municipal dinners, taking into consideration overlap issues that will need to be presented to participants.

Additional comments included:

- question of the historical and future role of the UBCM in negotiations;
- clarification of the publicly available information that would be presented at the dinners;
- notation that, if dinners are intended as input/output sessions, media presence could stifle the open exchange of ideas; and
- question as to the role of the federal government in hosting similar such dinners with First Nations.

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Stevenson)

That the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend the LMTAC Executive Committee and Board:

- a) endorse in principle the Opinion Leaders' Dinners Proposal; and
- b) refer further discussion with the federal and provincial government representatives concerning details of the proposed dinners to the Communications Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Zarahoff advised that a related communications piece would be provided to the LMTAC Communications Coordinator for distribution to Subcommittee members for their review and comment.

3.2 Provincial Communications and Consultation Update

Email dated August 24, 2000 from Mark Atherton, Manager, Treaty Consultation, BC Team South, to Kirsteen Pirie regarding "Katzie Draft PIWG Plan", presenting the Plan titled "Katzie First Nation Treaty Negotiations 2000-2001 Tripartite Public Information Plan".

Mark Atherton, Manager, Treaty Consultation, and Ellen Frisch, Consultation Manager, BC Team South, provided a verbal report concerning the status of preliminary discussions and negotiations with each of the lower mainland's treaty tables.

Mr. Atherton provided confirmation concerning the provincial governments' position that treaty settlements are subject to related overlap issues first being settled. Further, it was clarified that First Nations are responsible for settling the overlap issues amongst themselves by agreeing to amend their boundaries or by agreeing to not claim land within the overlap of their traditional territories.

Given LMTAC members' concerns regarding overlap issues, suggestion was made that BC Team South bring forward information on examples of the successful resolution of overlap issues that have occurred in other areas.

With respect to the Draft Information Plan, the need to ensure that the local papers selected for communications cover the areas that are affected by the Katzie negotiations was noted. Papers involved should include the Surrey Now, Surrey Leader and the Peace Arch News for Surrey.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to ensure that information relative to the Katzie negotiations and main tables is communicated to the Surrey LMTAC representative given that the Katzie boundary has been extended into Surrey.

3.3 Delta Communications Strategy and Treaty Negotiations with Tsawwassen First Nation

Correspondence dated July 31, 2000 to Helen Davies, Mark Atherton and David Didluck, from Claudia Choroszewski, Corporation of Delta, regarding "Communications Strategy and Treaty Negotiations with Tsawwassen First Nation".

Claudia Choroszewski, Corporation of Delta, reviewed the correspondence provided noting that the Communications Strategy was approved by Delta Council on July 11, 2000. Information was also provided on the work of the Delta Treaty Advisory Task Force and public meetings that have occurred in 2000 to engage the public in discussion regarding treaty related issues.

Additionally, mention was made of an upcoming October 3, 2000 in-camera meeting with the federal and provincial chief negotiators and Delta Council and an all day September 30, 2000 meeting that will include an afternoon presentation from LMTAC. Chair Coleridge advised of his ability to attend the afternoon session to represent LMTAC's communications interests.

Ms. Choroszewski advised that once Delta Council has provided direction to its staff regarding how to proceed with the Communications Plan, details of how LMTAC and its Communications Subcommittee can assist in developing the Plan will occur.

10:58 a.m.

Mark Atherton, Helen Davies, Ellen Frisch and Lucie Zarahoff departed the meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Communications Plan 2000 Status Report

Report dated August 3, 2000 from Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, regarding "Communications Plan 2000 Status Report" providing a status report on the implementation of the LMTAC Communications Plan for the year 2000.

Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, reviewed the report and referenced the attached chart reporting on the status of activities, activity priorities identified by the Subcommittee, and on the LMTAC Communications Plan 2000.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide a regular report in future regarding the status of the Communications budget to date.

The importance of presenting to the LMTAC Executive and the LMTAC Board on a regular basis regarding the Subcommittee's activities was noted. Confirmation was provided that a Communications Plan Update and a presentation regarding the LMTAC Website are scheduled for the September 27, 2000 LMTAC Board Regular meeting agenda.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to:

- a) provide a regular written report regarding the number of LMTAC Website hits and their origin;*
- b) to determine whether the email addresses of the individuals visiting the LMTAC Website can be retained for possible future use; and*
- c) email the Website consultant's presentation to the Board to the CSC Chair and Vice Chair, a minimum of seven days in advance of the Board meeting.*

Ms. Pirie also provided an update on arrangements for the Council Presentations/Briefings noting that Surrey, White Rock, Richmond and Delta have agreed to presentations. New Westminster has declined a presentation.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide the CSC Chair with contact information of the LMTAC representative in New Westminster to ensure that they are aware that their Council has declined a LMTAC presentation that they have no related concerns.

4.2 Public Forum: In the Studio Proposal

Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, provided an update on the status of discussions with Rogers Cable regarding the possibility of a televised LMTAC forum. Rogers' Program Director has advised that a forum may be scheduled in November or January, but that the LMTAC forum proposal has yet to be endorsed or declined.

In the ensuing discussion, Chair Coleridge and Vice Chair Weinberg offered to contact Rogers to further discuss the possibility of scheduling a LMTAC public forum in the fall. Interest was also expressed regarding VTV and/or BCIT being involved in the production of similar forums.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to contact the BCIT Faculty on Television and Programming to determine their interest in producing a video series, television show, etc. regarding treaty issues, in cooperation with LMTAC.

4.3 Public Forums: In the Community

Report dated July 26, 2000 from the Executive Committee regarding "Public Forums – In the Community" providing background information regarding the LMTAC Public Forums – In the Community Draft Workplan and the Tsawwassen Tripartite Public Information Plan.

Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, reviewed the report, noting minor revisions made following initial discussions with the LMTAC Executive Committee. Note was made that both the LMTAC and the Tsawwassen Tripartite Public Information Plans include a budget for public information meetings. The need to ensure that public information meeting efforts are coordinated between the two was noted.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to report back regarding the rationale for not referencing New Westminster and White Rock in the Tsawwassen Tripartite Public Information Plan.

It was MOVED (*) and SECONDED (*)

That the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend the LMTAC Executive Committee and Board approve the Draft Workplan for LMTAC Public Forums - In the Community with amendment such that:

- a) the second sentence in paragraph two under the title "Location" be deleted; and
- b) a topic section be added listing, overlap, First Principles, the Considerations Paper, and noting that specifics relative to each municipality would be discussed at the forums.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Cross Cultural Communications – Discussion of Possible Projects

Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, introduced the topic of cross-cultural communications for discussion.

Details concerning a modified potlatch type event attended by one member were provided and consideration was given to arranging a similar event with lower mainland First Nations. Information was also provided on a successful Delta Treaty Advisory Task Force initiative to bring together Delta and members of the Tsawwassen First Nation in a non-negotiating venue.

The need to incorporate Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage in any cross-cultural event was noted and suggestion was made that LMTAC host forums with each of the lower mainland's

First Nations and municipalities whose boundaries overlap. Further suggestions included the need to involve the First Nations in planning for the event.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend the LMTAC Executive and Board:

- a) endorse the concept of hosting several cross cultural events with lower mainland First Nations similar to the event held in Delta between its Advisory Committee and the Tsawwassen First Nation; and
- b) direct the Subcommittee to pursue details of such events for presentation to the Committee in future; and
- c) support hosting the first of such events with the Katzie First Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to obtain from Delta a brief concerning their event with the Tsawwassen for the LMTAC Executive Committee's information.

5.2 LMTAC Board Meetings Throughout Lower Mainland Region

Chair Coleridge introduced the concept of alternating the location of LMTAC Board meetings for discussion.

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Weinberg)

That the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend that the LMTAC Executive and Board approve alternating the location of LMTAC Board meetings on a quarterly basis to occur in various municipalities throughout the lower mainland to encourage greater municipal support, public access and media coverage of LMTAC meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 UBCM Convention

Kirstie Pirie, Communications Coordinator, provided information on the upcoming UBCM Convention noting that a request for LMTAC to make a presentation on the LMTAC First Principles at the forum was declined.

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Lahti)

That the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend that LMTAC Executive and Board:

- a) approve scheduling the October Board meeting to occur at the UBCM;
- b) approve inviting all UBCM attendees and the UBCM Aboriginal Affairs Committee to attend the Board meeting; and
- c) direct staff to send a letter to all BC TACs informing them of the Board meeting at the UBCM and inviting them to attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to:

- a) *report back regarding the arrangements that have been made to hold a LMTAC meeting during the UBCM forum; and*
- b) *provide Subcommittee members with a list of BC TAC members to personally contact to invite to the LMTAC Board meeting at the UBCM fall forum.*

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

The LMTAC Communications Subcommittee received for information:

- 6.1 BCTC Community Interactive Treaty Display;
- 6.2 LMTAC Member Link to Web Site – Update;
- 6.3 Deadlines for Agenda Production; and
- 6.4 Honorarium and Expense Form.

7. CONCLUSION

The LMTAC Communications Subcommittee Regular Meeting held September 6, 2000 concluded at 12:04 p.m.