

**LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

April 19, 2000

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Communications Sub-Committee** held at 12:04 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2000, in the 6th floor conference room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

ATTENDANCE	
JURISDICTION	TAC REPRESENTATIVE
City of White Rock	Councillor James Coleridge (Chair) (arrived 2:08 p.m.)
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 Coordinator
Carrie Peacock	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures
GUEST	
Sandra Kilmartin	BC Team South (departed 1:30 p.m.)

Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair Weinberg assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Eddington)

That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee scheduled April 19, 2000 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of Communications Sub-Committee Meeting dated March 15, 2000

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Lahti)

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee held March 15, 2000 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Key Issues Discussion

3.1 BC South Communication Presentation and Discussion

Sandra Kilmartin, BC Team South, commented regarding the 'Umbrella Plan' and referred to efforts of the federal and provincial negotiating teams. A cable television series intended to initially address basic treaty information and subsequently focus on active treaty tables was discussed. LMTAC Staff will be contacted regarding local government participation in this process.

Ms. Kilmartin commented regarding the status of the Tsawwassen First Nations table. The Sub-Committee discussed benefits of opening Chief Negotiators Meetings to the public. A Culture and Heritage Meeting recently held in Delta was discussed and forthcoming meeting topics were reviewed.

The Sub-Committee discussed various public meeting formats and suggested that public consultation meetings with key speakers be held in Surrey, New Westminster and Richmond.

Acting Chair Weinberg questioned the origin and development of the provincial negotiating team mandate, and agreed to request clarification in this regard from the provincial negotiating representatives at the April 26, 2000 LMTAC Board meeting.

Request of Staff:

Staff was requested to develop, for consideration at the next Communications Sub-Committee meeting, a proposal for a public meeting format that:

- a) focuses on general treaty issues and priority topics, including the TFN table; and
- b) includes First Nations' representation.

Agenda Varied

The order of the Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider Item 3.3 prior to Item 3.2.

3.3 LMTAC Website

- a) *Interim Updates / GVRD Website Status; and*
- b) *Establish Website Maintenance Protocol Agreement*

Acting Chair Weinberg referred to difficulties in updating LMTAC's Website, and discussed costs and benefits associated with establishing a new Website for LMTAC. The Sub-Committee discussed appropriate information for LMTAC's Website, and requested that any additional items or amendments be discussed with the Communications Sub-Committee.

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Eddington)

That the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee recommend that the LMTAC Executive Committee request LMTAC Staff to:

- a) develop and establish a new LMTAC web site with an independent domain name;
- b) transfer existing information from LMTAC's current Website to the new LMTAC Website;
- c) maintain and update information on the new LMTAC Website on a regular basis as it pertains specifically to:
 - LMTAC or other treaty-related meeting agendas and schedules; and
 - adopted public LMTAC minutes; and
- d) complete this project within the limitations of the current LMTAC Communications Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to develop a proposal to efficiently maintain LMTAC's Website.

1:30 p.m.

Sandra Kilmartin, BC Team South, departed the meeting.

3.2 Communication Plan 2000 – Prioritize Action Items

The Sub-Committee reviewed the Communication Plan 2000 and prioritized the activities as follows:

LMTAC Communications Activity Options		
High Priority Activities	Medium Priority Activities	Low Priority Activities
a) Municipal Forums b) Media relations c) Internet	a) Newsletters/update bulletins	a) Council of Councils presentations b) Documentary c) Council presentations/briefings

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to collect local media contact information from representatives of member municipalities and regional districts to establish a media distribution list by the end of June 2000.

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Eddington)

That the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee recommend the LMTAC Executive Committee consider developing and hosting three initial public forums and that the first be held in Surrey, with the other two locations to be determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Benefits of scheduling public forums in active areas of the community (i.e. New Westminster, Surrey, Richmond and White Rock) were reviewed. It was suggested that LMTAC Staff investigate cost-sharing the public forums with member municipalities, and that New Westminster, Richmond, Delta and White Rock be invited to all forums.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to provide a cost estimate for the first public forum in Surrey.

It was MOVED (Eddington) and SECONDED (Stevenson)

That the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee request staff to investigate the viability of utilizing existing television stations to host a dialogue session which identifies key treaty negotiations issues that:

- a) allows for discussion by different interest groups; and
- b) may include provincial, federal and aboriginal representation and an audience.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Lahti)

That the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee obtain printed media monitoring services on a one-month trial basis and that the information provided be limited to the five treaty tables in the Lower Mainland area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:08 p.m.

Director Coleridge arrived at the meeting and assumed the Chair.

4. Business Arising

There were no business arising items presented at the meeting.

5. Other Business

Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Coordinator, noted that few member municipalities have included a link on their Websites to LMTAC's Website. It was suggested that a chart be compiled and presented to LMTAC member municipalities indicating which members have Websites and which of these presently include links to LMTAC's Website.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee recommend the LMTAC Executive Committee remind all member municipalities to include links on their Websites to LMTAC's Website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Information Items

- a) *Letter to LMTAC Re: Information Sharing of Web-based and Electronic Documents; and*
- b) *Media Release – New LMTAC Web Site*

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee recommend the LMTAC Executive Committee request that a "Government Issues" page be added to LMTAC's Website linking to other First Nation and government Websites that refer to treaty-related issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. On Table Items

There were no on-table items provided at the meeting.

8. Adjournment

The LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee Regular Meeting held April 19, 2000 adjourned at 2:26 p.m.