

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

**June 6, 2001**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Communications Subcommittee** held at 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2001

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>TAC REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Village of Anmore	Mayor Hal Weinberg ( <b>Chair</b> )
City of Coquitlam	Councillor Louella Hollington ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )
Township of Langley	Councillor Mel Kositsky (arrived 10:03 a.m.)
Village of Lions Bay	Councillor Peter Stevenson
City of Port Moody	Councillor Meghan Lahti (departed 11:07 a.m.)
City of White Rock	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson
<b>LMTAC STAFF</b>	
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Communications/Operations Manager
Vivian Guthrie	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures
<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Councillor Sharon Charles, Semiahmoo First Nation (departed 11:05 a.m.)	

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1 June 6, 2001 Communications Subcommittee Agenda**

**It was MOVED (Lahti) and SECONDED (Hollington)**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee scheduled June 6, 2001 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2.1 May 2, 2001 Communications Subcommittee Minutes**

**It was MOVED (Hollington) and SECONDED (Lahti)**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee held May 2, 2001 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

Councillor Sharon Charles, Semiahmoo First Nation, provided a presentation concerning the Nation, during which it was noted that Semiahmoo has opted out of the treaty process and is considering other means of reconciliation and negotiation. The exclusion of local government representation from the negotiation process was found to be inexcusable.

The Nation's position that education and reconciliation (both for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people) should have been the first issues addressed by the federal government and that treaties cannot be settled until these have been put dealt with was noted. It was suggested, as the local government has already addressed ethnic diversity in their communities, that they would be the logical source to define a relationship that works.

Discussion ensued regarding the treaty negotiation model, particularly concerning the appropriateness of its basis in the labour negotiation practice, and concerning partnership opportunities to put forward a new negotiating model. Clarification was provided that Semiahmoo will

focus first on a reconciliation model with the Cities of White Rock and Surrey, following this, a treaty process might be an option.

In further discussion, the meeting considered the impact of the new federal government initiative on the treaty process, the relationship between First Nations and the federal government, the role of local governments in assisting First Nations with capacity building, present governing practices of the Semiahmoo First Nation and federal funding arrangements.

10:03 a.m

Councillor Mel Kositsky arrived at the meeting.

Councillor Charles continued her presentation in providing information concerning the structure of the Semiahmoo First Nation and concerning the Nation's stance of economic development in municipalities neighbouring its traditional territory.

Councillor Charles further reported that it is anticipated that the Semiahmoo Working Model will be in final phases of development within four months. A focus of the Model is to develop a Municipal-like Plan that will include bylaws. It was suggested that local governments could benefit by assisting the Band in this regard given that possible future land development would lead to the creation of a larger tax base.

Issues relating to taxation of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal individuals residing on Reservation lands were discussed. Clarification was provided that the taxes of non-Aboriginal individuals living on Reserve would be collectable by municipalities.

11:05PM

Councillor Sharon Charles departed the meeting.

***Request of Staff***

*Staff was requested to contact Marino Piombini, GVRD Policy and Planning, in regards to inviting Councillor Charles to future meetings.*

Kirstie Pirie, Communications/Operations Manager, advised that First nations not involved, as well as those involved in the treaty process, have been invited to all upcoming LMTAC forums.

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 Fall Event Planning**

*Draft Workplanning Document dated May 2001, titled "Greater Vancouver Urban Forum, Paddling Together – Economic, Environmental and Social Partnerships in the Urban Setting"*

Kirstie Pirie, Communications/Operations Manager reviewed options for dates and venues for LMTAC's fall event. Discussion ensued concerning the options presented. Preference was expressed for the event to be held on October 19 and 20, 2001 or, as second choice, October 12 and 13, 2001 at a lower mainland venue.

***Request of Staff:***

*Staff was requested to consider venues only in the lower mainland area, including the Westin Bayshore, for the LMTAC fall event on one of the agreed upon dates.*

The Subcommittee considered case study presenters and keynote presenters for the event.

***Request of Staff:***

*Staff was requested to:*

- a) *work with members of LMTAC who are acquainted with proposed speakers when extending invitations to speak;*

- b) *seek suggestions from LMTAC members regarding possible speakers and case studies with a local urban content, especially those with outline specifics.*

Ms. Pirie advised that the estimated budget for the fall event is \$19,000 and sought suggestions from Subcommittee members concerning fund-raising avenues for the event.

**It was MOVED (Anderson) and SECONDED (Hollington)**

THAT the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend that staff be authorized to seek grants and sponsorships to request funding from other organizations and sources to fund the LMTAC Paddling Together fall Event.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of labeling the event "Greater Vancouver Urban Forum".

***Request of Staff:***

*Staff was requested to change the scope of the forum from "Greater Vancouver" to "Lower Mainland".*

11:07 a.m.

Councillor Meghan Lahti departed the meeting.

**4.2 Internal Communications Needs Assessment Project**

*Draft Document titled "2001 Year End LMTAC Member Survey".*

Kirstie Pirie, Communications/Operations Manager, presented the draft document and invited members to present their recommendations for any changes or additions to the communication components. Discussion ensued focusing on questions 10 – 17, with several options suggested for improving question 16.

**It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Hollington)**

THAT the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee defer further consideration of Item 4.2 to its next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. STANDING REPORTS**

**5.1 BC South Communications and Consultation Update**

There was no BC South Communications and Consultation update at the meeting.

Kirstie Pirie, Communications/Operations Manager, advised that an E-mail from Bill Seymour, Consultation Manager, announcing the appointment of Attorney General Jeff Plant as the Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

**It was MOVED (Stevenson) and SECONDED (Anderson)**

THAT the LMTAC Communications Subcommittee recommend that the Board invite the Honorable Geoff Plant, Attorney General, Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations, to a future Board meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2 Communications Subcommittee Chair**

There was no report from the Communications Subcommittee Chair at the meeting.

**5.3 LMTAC Staff**

Kirstie Pirie, Communications/Operations Manager, reported on a recent LMTAC staff presentation to the GVRD's Education Advisory Steering Committee during which the Committee members were provided with resources for their future use.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 Media Relations**

*LMTAC Article published by Kahtou dated May 2001, titled "Katie Intergovernmental Tour to Belcarra".*

Kirstie Pirie, Communications/Operations Manager, asked members to brainstorm article topics for future LMTAC coverage. In a related comment, it was suggested that LMTAC consider organizing and sponsoring study tours (a traveling municipal tour) to visit First Nations.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The LMTAC Communications Subcommittee received for information the following Items:

- 7.1 Communications Plan Activity Status Report;
- 7.2 LMTAC Video Library List;
- 7.3 LMTAC Web Site Statistical Summary; and,
- 7.4 Honorarium and Expense Form.

With respect to Item 7.2, it was clarified that the video library is accessible to LMTAC members. Also, concerning Item 7.3, it was suggested that the Subcommittee budget to fund training to assist First Nations to develop web sites.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The LMTAC Communications Subcommittee Regular Meeting held June 6, 2001 adjourned at 11:44 a.m.