

**LOWER MAINLAND TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

May 14, 2001

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2001, in the 2nd floor West Boardroom, GVRD Offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE:	ALTERNATE:
District of Maple Ridge	Councillor Candace Gordon (Interim Chair)	
City of Coquitlam	Councillor Louella Hollington	Robin Hicks
Corporation of Delta	Councillor Vicki Huntington	Claudia Choroszewski
Greater Vancouver RD		Marino Piombini
Township of Langley	Councillor Mel Kositsky	
North Vancouver District		Cameron Thom
Squamish-Lillooet RD	Director Pam Tattersfield	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
David Didluck	LMTAC Executive Director	
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Communications Coordinator	
Vivian Guthrie	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Candace Gordon assumed the Chair, established that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 May 14, 2001 Executive Committee Agenda

It was MOVED (Tattersfield) and SECONDED (Kositsky)

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled May 14, 2001, be adopted with amendment to include Item 6.1, "Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee Meeting".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1 April 11, 2001 Executive Committee Minutes

It was MOVED (Kositsky) and SECONDED (Tattersfield)

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held April 11, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 April 4, 2001 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee Minutes

2.3 April 6, 2001 Communications Subcommittee Minutes

It was MOVED (Kositsky) and SECONDED (Tattersfield)

THAT the Minutes of the LMTAC Finance and Organizational and the Communications Subcommittee Meetings held April 4 and April 6, 2001, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

No Delegations were received at the meeting.

4. REPORTS

No Reports were received at the meeting.

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Chair

No Chair's Standing Report was received at the meeting.

5.2 Executive Director

Document dated May 2001, titled "Workplan 2001 A Status Report on Key LMTAC Milestones".

David Didluck, LMTAC Executive Director, presented the Status Report of the Workplan 2001 and advised that 44% of the projects were complete or in progress as of May 1, 2001.

Mr. Didluck announced that Mr. Lorne Brown would be attending the Full LMTAC Board meeting in May and asked that should members be unable to attend that they encourage alternates to attend the meeting.

Mr. Didluck further reported concerning:

- GVRD's new automated telephone system;
- Status of the LMTAC special committee's work on the 'Fish' paper;
- findings of the table representatives tracking meeting to be presented at the next meeting; and,
- registration for the planned June Symposium had almost reached the cut-off point.

In conversation with Director Lee Turnbull, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Mr. Didluck was advised that changes to the scheduled time for LMTAC meetings are not easily accommodated by members having to make extensive travel arrangements to attend. As there was no new business anticipated for the next LMTAC Executive meeting on May 23, 2001, it was agreed that the meeting be cancelled and remained at the call of the Chair.

Request of Staff:

Staff was requested to circulate a memorandum to LMTAC members in regard to fulfilling a quorum at the LMTAC Full Board meeting scheduled for May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

5.3 Communications Subcommittee

Councillor Louella Hollington, Communications Subcommittee member, reported on the progress made in regard to the Fall Conference event planned for October 19 and 20, 2001 and noted that the draft agenda and budget would be presented for endorsement at the LMTAC Full Board meeting on May 23, 2001. Councillor Hollington announced that case studies of economic, social, and environmental natures relative to urban areas were still needed.

Interim Chair Gordon circulated a May 2001 edition of the Kahtou newspaper and advised that the article written by Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Communications Coordinator on the Katzie inter-government investigation had received good response. Councillor Gordon suggested that it would be beneficial for the LMTAC if the Communications Subcommittee promoted more articles based on LMTAC positions/principles for distribution.

5.4 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee

Document from LMTAC Finance and Organizational Subcommittee (FOSC) titled, "Excerpt of Motion to Executive"

Interim Chair Gordon, Finance and Organizational Subcommittee Chair, presented a recommendation for a strategic plan to develop a strong vision and purpose for the LMTAC in view of the anticipated change in the provincial government and the new First Nations Governance Act being written by the federal government. LMTAC has no input in the federal process and it was suggested that avenues should be explored for inter-government communications.

Councillor Mel Kositsky, reminded members of the Federal Government liaison through FCM and noted that issues of Federal jurisdiction would be filtered through the FCM Board meeting to be held in Prince George September 4 – 8, 2001.

In further discussion, it was suggested that the Committee develop a paper to present to the new provincial government clarifying the role of the LMTAC and that a position be taken regarding the importance of treaty negotiations to local governments.

It was MOVED (Tattersfield) and SECONDED (Kositsky)

THAT the LMTAC Executive Board endorse the recommendation to the Board that in light of pending changes in the provincial government and the development of direct federal government relationships with First Nations on governance issues, a two stage strategic planning session be organized with the Board membership as follows:

- Stage 1, organized in late June, for the purpose of fleshing out LMTAC's organizational role and mandate (e.g. developing a mission statement) and developing two and five year organizational goals;
- Stage 2, organized in August, for the purpose of comparing our newly developed organizational vision to existing LMTAC policy for consistency; and
- the services of an independent consultant be utilized.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5 Negotiation Tables

Councillor Vicki Huntington reported that the Adams Lake Band had been authorized by the Federal Government to collect GST on band lands and to use the funds as Band revenue. It was also anticipated that any PST collected on Band lands would become Band revenue.

Request of Staff: to report back with more info

Staff was requested to investigate the collection of federal and provincial taxes by the Adams Lake Band and report to the Executive.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Fraser Valley TAC Meeting

Interim Chair Gordon reported on attending a FVTAC meeting regarding Aboriginal Affairs non-treaty land settlement at which Mr. Steven Owen representing Minister Robert D. Nault, Indian and Northern Affairs was present. Issues of interest included relations between local and federal governments; the rewrite of the Indian Act in regards to governance issues; un-permitted landfills accepting waste; un-permitted gravel extractions; and, discussion of Bill C46 that allows land use planning on First Nations' land without consultation of local governments. Mr. Owen focused his response on the necessity of continuing to build trust and creating opportunities for all parties at the treaty tables.

A concern was raised as to whether the federal government was aware of the capital cost of health care facilities where there was no opportunity to trade-off costs with other services, e.g., transportation. Members suggested that the Squamish Band facility costs would be an issue.

7. INFORMATION

It was MOVED (Huntington) and SECONDED (Kositsky)

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following:

- 7.1 Correspondence including on-table correspondence dated May 8, 2001 from LMTAC Chair Don Bell to Mayors and Councils regarding "Request for Planning Support at Tsawwassen Treaty Table";
- 7.2 Agenda Deadlines 2001; and
- 7.3 Honorarium and Expense Form.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONCLUSION

The Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive held May 14, 2001 concluded at 3:40 p.m.