

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

**June 1, 2005**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled at 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West Café Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>		
<b>JURISDICTION:</b>	<b>LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:</b>
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew ( <b>Chair</b> )	
Maple Ridge, District of	Candace Gordon ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett (arrived 11:29 a.m.)	
Squamish-Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
Surrey, City of	Councillor Penny Priddy	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
<b>LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:</b>		
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Manager	
Regan Schlecker	Aboriginal Affairs Analyst	
<b>PREPARATION OF MINUTES:</b>		
Karen Miller	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION**

**1.1 June 1, 2005**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled June 1, 2005, be adopted with amendment to include consideration of on-table Item 9.2

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

**2.1 May 11, 2005 LMTAC Executive Committee Meeting**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held May 11, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

No delegations were received at the meeting.

**4. LMTAC REPORTS**

No reports were presented.

**5. TABLE PROGRESS REPORTS**

**5.1a) Katzie**

No items were presented.

**5.1b) Musqueam**

No items were presented.

- 5.1c) **Squamish**  
No items were presented.
- 5.1d) **Tsawwassen**  
No items were presented.
- 5.1e) **Tsleil-Waututh**  
No other items were presented.
- 5.1f) **Other**  
No items were presented.

**6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub Committee**

- a) *Auditors' Report dated March 8, 2005; and*
- b) *Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for year ended December 31, 2005.*

Vice-Chair Gordon provided an overview of the Auditors' Report and LMTAC's Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2004.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the Auditors' Report and Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures of Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee for the year ended December 31, 2004, and forward them to the LMTAC Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Preliminary 2006 Budget Preparations**

*Preliminary LMTAC Budget 2006 Assumptions.*

Vice-Chair Gordon advised that the Preliminary LMTAC Budget 2006 Assumptions document was drafted to provide a 'heads up' to LMTAC member Regional Districts. Changes to revenues were noted, and it was acknowledged that a 3% increase (cost of living) would be requested from the Regional Districts. The meeting was apprised of changes to the Executive meeting schedule to accommodate 18 rather than 10 meetings per year. It was anticipated that Table activity would remain at the present level.

The expenditure pattern for honoraria was discussed and a proposed change was considered to increase the amount from \$100 to \$200 to bring it in line with comparable standards (e.g. GVRD \$208 per 4 hr. meeting). The efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee was endorsed. An additional change to the budget was recognized with respect to the Membership, Tuition and Conference item as it was anticipated to be listed at \$4,000 rather than \$2,500.

The meeting acknowledged that previously \$82,500 had been cut from the budget in response to diminished funding from the provincial government, and in response most of the cost centres had been pared back as much as possible (including reductions to the number of meetings and staffing levels and no change to the honoraria). A request would be made to the member regional districts to cover the increases (totaling approximately \$50,000).

***Request for Action***

*It was requested that an explanatory letter providing the written rationale for the budget increase assumptions – including justification for the additional meetings – be forwarded to the Regional District members prior to October 2005. It was also suggested that application be done in person in advance.*

The meeting recognized that the end of term for elected officials was November 2005. Timing of elections was commented on relative to approval by the Regional Districts.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee endorse the budget assumptions as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS**

**7.1 Chair's Report**

No reports were presented.

**7.2 Staff Report**

No reports were presented.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Director Janyk advised that he had been invited to attend a ground breaking ceremony in Sechelt for the TD Bank. It was recognized that the Sechelt Indian Band had a parcel of land being developed into a mall with TD Bank as the anchor financial institute.

Director Turner advised the meeting of an event scheduled for June 15, 2005 (5:00 pm) at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, to include an update and signing ceremony between FVRD and the In-SHUCK-ch First Nation. Vice-Chair Gordon advised that she would also be attending that event.

**8.1 UBCM**

Chair Drew reported that the planned May 31<sup>st</sup> Joint TAC Conference Call had been cancelled.

**8.2 FCM**

No items were presented.

**8.3 LMMA**

No items were presented.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Post Provincial Election Preparations**

It was recognized that, although it was not known who the new Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations would be, it would be beneficial for the LMTAC Executive Committee to prepare a plan for presentation to the Minister.

Suggestion was offered that a letter be sent to Deputy Minister Brownsey requesting a meeting with the new Minister and the LMTAC Executive Committee at the UBCM in September 2005. It was further suggested that a letter of congratulations to the new Minister be sent upon his/her appointment, that confirmed the LMTAC Executive was looking forward to meeting with them during the UBCM. Although a 15 minute meeting at UBCM was typical, it was suggested that a specific meeting be set up as soon as possible.

***Request for Action:***

*It was requested that a document be drafted to clearly inform the new Minister of LMTAC's interests and requests, and to identify some tasks the Minister could assist LMTAC with.*

**9.2 First Nation Participation and Contribution to Regional Services**

- a) *On-table draft letter to Minister Scott dated June 1, 2005 Re: First Nation Participation and Contribution to Regional Services; and*
- b) *On-table Additional Excerpt to draft letter to Minister Scott dated June 1, 2005.*

The meeting considered a draft letter to Minister Scott thanking the staff from INAC BC Regional Office for coordinating the May 11, 2005 presentation on Federal fiscal responsibilities; and advising him of concerns and issues which were raised at that meeting.

The following amendments to the draft letter were requested:

- the second to last paragraph of the letter should begin with “On behalf of LMTAC’s three member regional districts, we ask that the Federal government...”;
- the fifth paragraph, second sentence, should be reworded to include the concept that LMTAC would welcome the Federal government’s facilitation of positive intergovernmental relations between local and First Nation governments; prior to the comments that “any efforts in this regard would be undermined...”;
- the fourth paragraph, fourth sentence, the words “This situation must change post-treaty in order” should be removed and replaced by the additional excerpt as follows:  
“This inequity is further exacerbated...such as establishing additional residential areas. It is our understanding that post-treaty property taxation will apply to Treaty Settlement Lands. It is crucial that these taxes be recovered for the provision of regional services in order to rectify the inequity that exists and...”; and
- the letter should be copied to Minister Plant and Deputy Minister Brownsey.

11:29 a.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett arrived at the meeting.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee approve the draft letter to Minister Scott as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. INFORMATION**

**10.1 Honorarium and Expense Form**

*LMTAC Honorarium & Expense Claim Form*

No additional information was presented.

**10.2 LMTAC Briefing Note**

*LMTAC Briefing Note dated May 16, 2005 (revised May 20, 2005) on the subject of Treaty Negotiations and Regional Functions.*

Chair Drew commented on his previous discussion with Aaron Dinwoodie which precipitated the Briefing Note. He advised that the Briefing Note had been sent to the UBCM.

**10.3 LMTAC Information Session Minutes – May 11, 2005**

*Notes of the LMTAC Information Session – Federal Fiscal Responsibilities Pre and Post Treaty.*

Received for information.

**11. NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2005**

It was noted that the scheduled September 28 Board Meeting would fall during the week of UBCM and was agreed that September 21, 2005 (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) would be used as a working date for scheduling consideration. The Executive Meeting September 14, 2005 was to remain as scheduled.

**12. CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held June 1, 2005 be now concluded.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Time: 11:36 p.m.)