

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

November 9, 2005

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair)	Marino Piombini
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
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 2:33 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 November 9, 2005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled November 9, 2005, be adopted with the following addition:

9.1 On-table Correspondence from the City of Port Coquitlam.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 October 19, 2005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held October 19, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegation was received.

4. REPORTS

4.1 2005 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results

LMTAC report titled "2005 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, provided an overview of the information contained within the LMTAC report on "Annual Member Survey Results", noting that an overview would be provided at the end of the month in this regard. She acknowledged that the submitted surveys indicated a positive response relative to LMTAC Board materials and reporting format. It was noted that feedback was considered within the 2006 Workplan to include a servicing workshop, monthly updates and monitoring of the 'New Relationship'.

During an ensuing discussion it was noted that:

- some components of the Annual Member Survey Results could be used in the orientation session;
- the summaries, key points, and monthly summary report were well received;
- the amount of paper being used could be reduced;
- a rating could be indicated on the cover page or header of LMTAC communications to members (i.e. "Background", "For Review", "Urgent", or "For Comment");
- monitoring of non-treaty 'New Relationship' activities should be considered;
- Lorne Brownsey, Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, was scheduled to attend the January 2006 LMTAC meeting;
- daily media reviews were being undertaken by LMTAC staff;
- LMTAC members could present comments or questions to Deputy Minister Brownsey during his January 2006 presentation to LMTAC; and
- some inter-jurisdictional complexities that occur outside of the treaty process may not be addressed specifically by the 'New Relationship' (i.e. land selection, participation in the Sustainable Resource Management Plan), although they may negatively impact the incentive to participate in the treaty process.

Request for Action

It was requested that staff ask LMTAC members to submit comments or questions for consideration during the upcoming presentation by Deputy Minister Brownsey.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the report titled "2005 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Background Briefing Note – Support for the BC Treaty Process

a) *LMTAC report regarding "Support for the BC Treaty Process Background Briefing Note" dated November 2, 2005, and related attachments:*

- *Report Flow Summary;*
- *Compilation of Member Comments; and*
- *Support for the BC Treaty Process – Background Briefing Note to LMTAC First Principle #11 Support for the BC Treaty Process (November 2005).*

Request for Action

Members agreed to check with their respective jurisdictions regarding the status of their submissions.

Chair Drew offered that the January 2006 session would provide an opportunity to update the membership regarding the 'New Relationship'.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, added that the version of the briefing note presented was endorsed in principle at the September 2005 Board meeting and members were now requested to endorse it in-full because the proposed new First Principle was adopted by the Board in October.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive and endorse the report titled "Support for the BC Treaty Process Background Briefing Note" as presented; and recommend the report for the LMTAC Board's endorsement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Revised Considerations Paper – Follow up to the LMTAC First Principle Review

Paper titled "Revised Considerations Paper – Follow up to LMTAC's First Principle Review" and related attachments:

- a) *Chart titled "Renumbering of LMTAC's First Principles (November, 2005)" and*
- b) *Document titled "Considerations: A Guide to Lower Mainland Area Local Government Interests in Treaty Negotiations (revised November, 2005)".*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, provided an overview regarding the renumbering and categorization of LMTAC's First Principles, noting the intent to minimize any disruption with the related Background Briefing Notes. The meeting recognized that the changes in the numbering of the First Principles could create problems with previously referenced documentation.

Request for Action

It was agreed that the sequence of the numbering of First Principles should continue from the last number previously used. It was further agreed that related principles be listed in a grouping irrespective of their designated numbers.

Mr. Kirsop commented regarding the updated terms indicated in the "Glossary of Terms".

Request for Action

It was requested that the membership chart from the second page of the "Considerations" document be updated to include both full and observer members.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive the report titled "Revised Considerations Paper – Follow up to LMTAC's First Principle Review" and recommend the report for the LMTAC Board's endorsement; and further
- b) recommend that the LMTAC Board distribute the revised Considerations paper (for information) in January 2006 to LMTAC member jurisdictions, senior governments, Lower Mainland First Nations, the BCTC and the UBCM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was suggested that efforts relative to the "Considerations" paper and First Principles, be emphasized at the orientation session. The meeting recognized that the LMTAC-appointed members would carry on in their current capacities until the first LMTAC Board Meeting of 2006. Members further acknowledged that the attendance of current members (regardless of whether or not they were re-elected) was anticipated at the November 2005 LMTAC Board meeting.

5. TABLE PROGRESS REPORTS

5.1a) Katzie

Advertisement regarding "Katzie First Nation Treaty Negotiations".

No additional items were presented.

5.0b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.0c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.0d) Tsawwassen

The meeting was informed that the GVRD Chief Administrative Officer was scheduled to meet with the Tsawwassen First Nation Chief on December 1, 2005.

5.0e) Tsleil-Waututh

No items were presented.

5.0f) Other

Director Barry Janyk provided an update regarding the Sechelt watershed, noting that a copy of the agreement had been provided to LMTAC staff. He added that the lands within the watershed were the responsibility of the District of Sechelt and were contained within a Community Forest License. It was further noted that the District of Sechelt had supported 'no harvesting' for 100-150 years, and that the Sechelt Indian Band supported

the provision of potable water as a priority for the watershed. He added that a non-industrial activity agreement had also been signed.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

6.1a) 2006 Orientation Refresher Session

On-table document titled "2006 Orientation/Refresher Session (Draft Outline)".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, commented on the value of the annual Orientation/Refresher Session. Requests for presentations at the session were noted, and a proposed agenda was reviewed. Comment was offered relative to hosting a joint session with the Regional Districts to include interested parties from member jurisdictions, and to pursue opportunities for partnership funding.

Request for Action

It was requested that staff determine an appropriate venue for the January 13, 2006 Orientation/Refresher Session, and that joint funding for the event be sought.

Recess

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:23 p.m.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee endorse the draft outline for the 2005 LMTAC Orientation/Refresher Session as presented, and direct staff to:

- a) extend invitations to all interested LMTAC Member Councils/Boards (both new and returning);
- b) schedule the orientation session for a full-day (preferably January 13, 2006) in advance of the January 25, 2006 Inaugural LMTAC Board Meeting;
- c) proceed with organizing the event at the most cost-efficient venue;
- d) approach the GVRD for the purposes of hosting a 'joint' meeting; and
- e) invite Tom Christensen, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, to provide opening comments at the session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Drew acknowledged a suggestion for a LMTAC Year End Social Event, immediately following the November 23, 2005 LMTAC meeting.

Request for Action

It was requested that confirmation and details of a LMTAC Year End Social Event be included in the electronic reminder notice of the next LMTAC Board Meeting.

7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, advised that the FASC recommended updates to the LMTAC phone tree, to accommodate new staff and contact information, were complete and further anticipated changes may be required in 2006.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 UBCM

No items were presented.

8.2 FCM

No items were presented.

8.3 LMMA

No items were presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Correspondence from City of Port Coquitlam

On-table correspondence from the City of Port Coquitlam to LMTAC, dated October 18, 2005 and related attachments:

- *Correspondence from Port Coquitlam to the Information Commissioner for Canada, dated September 30, 2005; and*
- *Correspondence from Port Coquitlam to INAC Regional Director, dated October 18, 2005.*

Chair Drew noted that the City of Port Coquitlam was requesting LMTAC's support and advice regarding their concerns with a landfill located on the Kwikwetlem First Nation lands. LMTAC's role relative to the treaty process was acknowledged.

Request for Action

It was requested that LMTAC staff draft a letter to the City of Port Coquitlam (for circulation to the Executive Committee prior to its finalization):

- *suggesting they voice their concerns to INAC, the BC Ministry of Environment, Environment Canada, Community Services and the GVRD;*
- *advising that LMTAC was not a political body, but rather an advisory body established under a UBCM MOU to advise on treaty-related matters; and*
- *that a copy of the letter sent to the City of Port Coquitlam, be forwarded to the UBCM for information.*

Additionally it was requested that a copy of the letter sent to the City of Port Coquitlam be forwarded to Tom Christensen, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, accompanied by a covering letter indicating that the City of Port Coquitlam had brought their concerns to LMTAC's attention, and although it was not an immediate treaty issue, the matter needed to be addressed. Members further requested that copies of the submission to Minister Christensen be forwarded for information to Deputy Minister Brownsey, John Balogh and Bronwen Beedle of the BC Treaty Negotiation Office; the UBCM; and the City of Port Coquitlam.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 Sample letter dated October 25, 2005. regarding a request for jurisdictional nomination to TSWG;
- 10.2 Copy of letter dated November 2, 2005, to Minister Christensen regarding the province's recent announcement of Geoff Plant's appointment as a Ministry Advisor; and
- 10.3 On-table letter from the Federal INAC Minister to the GVRD Chair, dated October 28, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled November 23, 2005 if required.

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held November 9, 2005 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 3:40 p.m.)