

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

**June 22, 2005**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2005, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Café East Boardroom, GVRD Offices, 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	Councillor Candace Gordon ( <b>Vice Chair</b> ) (arrived 4:27 p.m.)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Linda Barnes (arrived 5:00 p.m.)	
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	
Cheri Hamilton	LMTAC Administrative Assistant	
<b>PREPARATION OF MINUTES:</b>		
Carrie Peacock	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

**1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION**

**1.1 June 22, 2005**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled June 22, 2005, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

**2.2 June 1, 2005 Executive Committee**

**May 25, 2005 Executive Committee**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the LMTAC Executive Committee held June 1 and May 25, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DELEGATION**

No delegations were received.

**Agenda Varied**

The order of the Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider Items 4.1, 5.1a), 5.1d), and 8.2 later in the meeting, following the arrival of Vice Chair Gordon.

**5. STANDING REPORTS**

**5.1 Negotiation Table Reports**

**5.1b) Musqueam**

No items were presented.

**5.1c) Squamish**

No items were presented.

**5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh**

No items were presented.

**5.1f) Other**

No items were presented.

**6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)**

No items were presented.

**7. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS**

**7.1 Chair's Report**

No items were presented.

**7.2 Staff's Report**

No items were presented.

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No items were presented.

**7.2 Staff's Report**

No items were presented.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

**8.1 UBCM**

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, acknowledged that UBCM would be hosting a "Workshop on Regional Districts and First Nations" on June 29, 2005, at which LMTAC would be participating and Mayor Drew would be providing a presentation on behalf of the GVRD. She added that the workshop would focus on current First Nation – regional district relationships, issues related to regional district membership, and alternatives to regional district membership, and would consist of presentations and discussion sessions on key issues.

It was further noted that the workshop would be preceded by a June 28, 2005 meeting of TAC Chairs and Administrators.

***Request for Action***

*Staff was requested to forward a copy of Chair Drew's draft speaking notes for the event, to Joanne Gauci, Policy Analyst, UBCM.*

**8.2 FCM**

No items were presented.

**8.3 LMMA**

No items were presented.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 9.1 Regional Governance Models and First Nations – Request to LMTAC

*Correspondence from the Chief Administrative Officer, District of West Vancouver, regarding "Regional Governance Models and First Nations", dated May 9, 2005.*

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, referenced the invitation from the District of West Vancouver for LMTAC representatives to participate in a half-day workshop in September 2005, regarding regional governance models and First Nations.

4:27 p.m.

Councillor Candace Gordon arrived at the meeting.

### 9.2 Consultation, The Ministry of Forests and LMTAC

*On-table email correspondence from Director Janyk to LMTAC Members, regarding "Consultation, The Ministry of Forests and LMTAC", dated June 20, 2005.*

Director Janyk acknowledged his email suggestion that Trish Balcaen, Director of Aboriginal Affairs with the Ministry of Forests, be invited to attend a LMTAC meeting, to discuss the ministry's consultations within the SLRD and SCRD. It was noted that the meeting would also provide a good opportunity for LMTAC to inform the ministry regarding its mandate and role.

Concerns were expressed regarding a lack of public access to documentation relative to consultations, and regarding activities occurring outside of the treaty process. Members questioned the precedent setting implications of the many 'side deals' that were being undertaken by various provincial departments. It was noted that good communications and transparency were important in consultations, and that activities outside of the treaty process affected activities within the treaty process.

#### ***Request for Action***

*Staff was requested to invite Trish Balcaen, Ministry of Forests, or her designate to the next In-Camera LMTAC Executive Committee meeting.*

Chair Drew suggested that the SLRD and SCRD each follow up with separate meetings with the Ministry of Forests.

Vice Chair Gordon acknowledged that Forest and Range Agreements were done outside of the treaty process, and would in Katzie's case, form part of their final treaty package. It was suggested that copies of publicly accessible signed Forest and Range Agreements be obtained and reviewed for information.

## 10. INFORMATION

### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 LMTAC Correspondence to Minister Andy Scott, dated June 2, 2005;
- 10.2 On-table email correspondence from Director Janyk, dated June 20, 2005; and
- 10.3 On-table correspondence from the Musqueam Indian Band, dated June 2, 2005.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Drew acknowledged that the correspondence to Minister Andy Scott had been distributed to LMTAC members' respective councils for information, and that a meeting had been requested with the new Minister.

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, added that at a June 6, 2005 meeting between Musqueam representatives and the GVRD CAO, it was suggested that a liaison group consisting of

GVRD and Musqueam representatives be established to address issues relating to land use. It was noted that further discussion in the fall regarding the creation of such a committee was anticipated.

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Lower Mainland Round Table on First Nation – Local Government Relations**

*Report from the Technical and Strategic Working Group regarding the “Lower Mainland Round Table on First Nation-Local Government Relations”, dated June 2, 2005 and attached “Draft Terms of Reference”.*

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, led the meeting in a review of the report, and attached draft Terms of Reference. It was noted that the proposed Roundtable meetings on First Nations and local government relations were intended to provide an opportunity for representatives of local government and First Nations to share information.

During the review of the report, it was noted that the proposal responded positively to:

- requests which had been brought to LMTAC’s attention, for First Nations and local government to work more closely together; and
- BC Treaty Commission’s suggestion that LMTAC take a more proactive approach in developing inter-government relations.

Ms. Schlecker reviewed the responses included in the report, to the questions “What”, “Why”, “Who”, “When”, “Where” and “How” relative to the proposed round table. It was further noted that LMTAC was an advisory committee to treaty issues; and that costs for the proposed Roundtable sessions would be responsibility of senior government. The proposed benefits and next steps of the proposal were also reviewed. Members were encouraged to consider and provide comments regarding the concept.

#### **5:00 p.m.**

Councillor Linda Barnes arrived at the meeting.

The following comments and suggestions were submitted by members relative to the proposal:

- the scope of the proposal should be expanded to include all ten First Nations within the region;
- a decision making process should be determined;
- minutes or notes of each round table session should be recorded, rather than requesting each individual Roundtable member to take notes (as indicated in Terms of Reference, Item D.7);
- there are concerns relative to references to “treaty and non-treaty related” issues; consider stating an alternate focus on information exchange relative to matters of common interest to First Nations and local governments;
- the Roundtable should not prejudice any treaty processes (Terms of Reference, Item B.2.b should reflect this);
- Terms of Reference Item B.3 should be reworded or omitted; and
- references to “treaty table protocols” should be omitted from the proposal and Terms of Reference.

In response to comments provided, Ms. Schlecker noted that the Terms of Reference were expected to continue to evolve. She further noted that while the primary benefit of the Roundtable meetings was the sharing of information, they would also provide opportunities for people and media to observe; for local government and First Nations to gain a better understanding of how their respective governments functioned; and for invited government representatives to learn.

Members were reminded that LMTAC supported the proposed concept but lacked the resources to undertake the Roundtable meetings. It was further noted that the proposal suggested BCTC facilitate the meetings, and that the federal government also be involved in their undertaking.

Chair Drew advised that a revised document, inclusive of the Executive Committee's revisions, would be brought back to the LMTAC Board for consideration at the July Board meeting. In response to a question raised, Chair Drew recognized that although public education was not LMTAC's role, LMTAC did endeavor to educate its membership.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive for information the report dated June 2, 2005, titled "Lower Mainland Round Table on First Nation – Local Government Relations" and the attached draft Terms of Reference; and
- b) forward the report and attachment to the LMTAC Board for information along with the comments provided by Executive Committee at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Agenda Varied**

The Agenda was varied at the meeting to now consider an additional "Other Business" item.

**OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)**

**9.3 Fraser Valley TAC**

Vice Chair Gordon acknowledged a June 15, 2005 Community to Community Forum she attended, at which FVTAC and In-SHUCK-ch signed a protocol agreement, marking the beginning of their formal relationship. She added that In-SHUCK-ch provided a presentation at the forum, which recognized their underlying need for self government.

It was noted that FVTAC would be providing a series of workshops for In-SHUCK-ch relative to local government, land use planning and other issues. It was further noted that a mentorship program and job shadowing program were also anticipated.

Vice Chair Gordon acknowledged that In-SHUCK-ch declared itself a nation on May 29, 2005, and recognized a belief in practicing practical sovereignty. She added that In-SHUCK-ch was situated between Harrison Lake and Pemberton, and was anxious to get basic services in place as the community was currently not on the electrical grid and was only accessible by logging road.

It was noted that Bruce Milne, (former Mayor of Sechelt and LMTAC member) was a federal negotiator at the IN-SHUCK-ch treaty table.

**5. STANDING REPORTS (Continued)**

**5.1 Negotiation Table Reports**

**5.1a) Katzie**

Vice Chair Gordon informed the meeting that she accompanied representatives from Katzie and the federal and provincial negotiations teams to a Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) presentation on June 20, 2005. She added that the FVRD had been conducting some land use planning around recreational lots on Pitt Lake, and Katzie had requested the meeting.

It was noted that the presentation addressed governance issues and provided information regarding the region. Vice Chair Gordon further noted that following the presentation, representatives from the federal and provincial negotiations teams, accepted the district's invitation to tour the FVRD operations.

Subsequent table meetings, held June 21 and 22, 2005 were acknowledged, which included discussions relative to fish, forestry, parks, and culture and heritage. It was noted that the Lands Selection Working Group and its Terms of Reference, were also discussed. Vice Chair Gordon further noted that the table considered the openness of their meetings and subsequently decided to begin advertising the public open meetings.

**5.1d) Tsawwassen**

No items were presented.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Continued)**

**8.2 FCM**

Vice-Chair Gordon acknowledged her attendance at the recent FCM meeting in Newfoundland, and announced that the FCM's Land Management Project had received federal funding for a second phase, focused on relationship building.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

As indicated on the Agenda, it was noted that the next meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled July 13, 2005.

**12. CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held June 22, 2005 be concluded.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Time: 5:40 p.m.)