

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

November 8, 2006

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:35 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 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
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Vice Chair) (via teleconference)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Eric Britton
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Harold Steves	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk (departed 4:36 p.m.)	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Rae Ratslef	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

Call to Order

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 November 8, 2006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled November 8, 2006 be adopted with amendment to add Item 9.1, Federal Education Funding Post Treaty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 September 13, 2006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held September 13, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegation was received.

4. REPORTS

4.1 2006 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results

Document titled "2006 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Summary of Results".

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the document titled "2006 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Summary of Results".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 2007 Workplan – Final Draft

Report from Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, dated October 31, 2006.

The 2007 Workplan was reviewed, with clarification that the LMTAC Communication Strategy focused on communication with membership. However, LMTAC's desire to have input into the provincial communication strategy had been communicated to the Minister.

Points in ensuing discussion included:

- LMTAC public communication should be restricted to its mandate and First Principles;, with a positive, interest based approach;
- LMTAC is advisory to the provincial negotiators, but its mission is also to advise and update the LMTAC membership regarding treaties;
- a LMTAC press release regarding treaty has been drafted and circulated to the Executive Committee for comment;
- the Communications Strategy drafted by Kirk & Co (1999). should be reviewed for relevancy;
- LMTAC could send information, analysis, suggested pros and cons, etc. – based on the LMTAC First Principles – to its members in the form of background briefing notes..

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) endorse the 2007 Workplan as presented; and
- b) recommend that the LMTAC Board adopt the 2007 Workplan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 2007 Orientation/Refresher Session

Report from Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, dated October 31, 2006.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that the orientation was held each year for new and returning members, and generally occurred prior to the first Board meeting. In view of budget constraints and attempts to have fewer committee meetings, the Finance and Administration Subcommittee Chair had supported this information being brought directly to the Executive Committee. Members were advised that the format and associated costs would be in-keeping with last year's session.

The Committee discussed facilitation of the session and whether its format should be altered depending on the attendees. It was anticipated that there would be renewed and heightened interest if an invitation was extended to all Councils and Boards to participate in the session at this time. Also, it was considered whether to invite the Tsawwassen First Nation Chief to attend.

Support was for the session to occur on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, followed by the LMTAC Board meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2007.

4:36 p.m.

Director Janyk departed the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the report titled "2007 Orientation/Refresher Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Negotiation Table 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
Councillor Allan Nixon, LMTAC Treaty Table Representative to the Tsleil-Waututh Table, reported that he was not able to attend the prior Working Group, which was rescheduled to occur the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving. The next Working Group meeting was November 15-16, 2006 in Victoria which he and Dennis Back would attend.

It was added that a dinner hosted by the Musqueam First Nation would occur on November 8, 2006, to be attended by the Mayors of Vancouver, North Vancouver City and District, and West Vancouver.

5.1f) Other
Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported on the signing of the In-SHUCK-ch Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) on October 28, 2006. Councillor Alan Nixon noted that Federal negotiators at Tsleil-Waututh Treaty Table repeatedly referred to the In-SHUCK-ch AIP as something the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation should consider to move its negotiating process forward. Information on the AIP was sought from the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee and the provincial negotiator at Tsleil-Waututh.

The Committee was informed that the Sto:lo Nation had recently indicated its interest in returning to the negotiating table, in the very near future.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Finance & Administration Sub Committee (FASC)
No items were presented.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report
Chair Drew reported on dialogue with the Minister who was sympathetic regarding LMTAC's need for predictability in funding. The Ministers' response to the meeting was en route, following which a LMTAC reply would be drafted.

7.2 Staff Report
Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that the City of Vancouver had requested LMTAC to attend a Council briefing tentatively set for November 28, 2006. As per past LMTAC practice, the LMTAC Chair or an Executive member would be invited to accompany.

The Committee was informed of confirmed delegations from the province for the November 22, 2006 LMTAC Board meeting. Provincial staffing changes were also reviewed.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee
Marino Piombini, GVRD, reported on the GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee discussions regarding: Master Services Negotiations; First Nations Strategy Communications Framework; and a public report on Agricultural Lands Reserve and Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Settlement lands.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Mel Kositsky advised that the October 2006 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC) meeting was cancelled because of the Union of BC Municipalities Convention. A joint meeting with the Squamish Lillooet Regional District in Pemberton/Chilliwack was being arranged – potentially on November 28, 2006. Confirmation of the date would be forwarded to LMTAC.

It was added that FVTAC had hosted a workshop in June 2006 to revise their interests in treaty negotiations in order to ensure they were prepared for the Final Agreement phase of negotiations. The FVTAC was able to reference some language from the LMTAC First Principles.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Memorandum from UBCM Executive and First Nations Summit Task Group regarding "Funding Now Available for 2006/2007 Program", dated 2006/2007 Program.

This item was provided for information.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Councillor Mel Kositsky reported that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board meeting would occur the week of November 22, 2006. He added that advocacy days for municipal government on Parliament Hill would soon occur, and that direct questions could be emailed to FCM staff to put forward.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Federal Education Funding Post-Treaty

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, relayed the response to an inquiry regarding post secondary funding, which was that federal funding to First Nations post-treaty would go generally for education, with First Nations deciding how much would be allocated to members' tuition costs.

10. INFORMATION

The LMTAC Executive Committee received for information the following items:

10.1 Correspondence

10.2 FVTAC Revised Interests in Treaty Making (July 2006).

It was noted that a letter concerning development cost charges for acquiring school sites had been sent. No response had been received as of yet.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled November 22, 2006, if required.

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held November 8, 2006 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:59 p.m.)