

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

December 13, 2006

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:50 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, BC.

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)	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	
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	
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 3:48 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 December 13, 2006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled December 13, 2006, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION/INFORMATION

2.1 November 8, 2006 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held November 8, 2006 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegations were received.

4. REPORTS

No reports were received.

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1a) Katzie

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, advised that the next Katzie table meeting would occur December 15, 2006 to finalize draft AIP Parks and Culture & Heritage Chapters; and undertake some work on the draft AIP Water Chapter. Following the meeting there would be a community luncheon, which table representatives had been invited to attend. The first table meeting of the New Year was scheduled January 17 and 18, 2007. The Katzie Lands Identification Treaty Related Measure report is to be completed July 31, 2007. Until then, no substantial development of the draft AIP Lands Chapter is expected.

5.1b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

On-table "Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement".

Councillor Harold Steves, LMTAC Treaty Table Representative to the Tsawwassen Table, reported that the GVRD Aboriginal Affairs Committee had requested a defensible boundary relative to the Delta Port Way, which had been supported by the province. Although the province had not favoured the 'no net loss' concept, there had been some interest expressed by MPs, MLAs and others.

Councillor Steves announced that Linda Barnes would replace him as the LMTAC representative in 2007, and that he would continue his work with the GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee.

5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh

Councillor Alan Nixon, LMTAC Treaty Table Representative to the Tsleil-Waututh Table, reported on a meeting earlier in the day to discuss the Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement General Provisions Chapter as it could be applicable to the Tsleil-Waututh. The meeting was well attended by legal counsel, and much time had been spent discussing certainty.

It was also reported that West Vancouver Police and the RCMP were working on a joint policing arrangement with the Squamish, and some enhanced policing presence for the Tsleil-Waututh.

5.1f) Other

In regard to the Maa-nulth Agreement, it was shared that the province had transferred 73 acres of Crown land that was vacant but slated for ocean front development in Ucluelet, and was meanwhile negotiating the transfer of an equivalent parcel to the municipality.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC)

Councillor Lonsdale, Chair, Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC), reported that FASC business since the last Executive had been conducted via email; the issue of the meal requisition form had been addressed and forms would be provided in the 2007 welcoming packages; and there was no need to use reserve funds given the success of efforts made to cut costs.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the verbal report provided by the Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee Chair under Agenda Item 6.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Drew reported on the recent initialing ceremony for the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement and LMTAC's associated media release.

7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that staff continued to plan for the January 24, 2007 annual orientation meeting, and that a related announcement would be sent to the Board before the week's end. Interested colleagues were welcomed to attend.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee

Marino Piombini, GVRD, reported that the last Aboriginal Relations Committee meeting was held a month prior, and that there could be changes to the GVRD committees in the New Year.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Mel Kositsky reported that the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee, like the LMTAC Executive Committee, was also meeting December 13, 2006.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Chair Drew reported that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) had met November 30, 2006. Key activities for 2007 included: meeting with Minister de Jong in April 2007 to discuss the role of local governments during the implementation phase of treaties; and analysis of all three Final Agreements in early February 2007. As well, the UBCM had requested the province to provide an updated interim measures list; and had compiled a summary of past and upcoming community to community forum events.

Chair Drew advised that the UBCM continued to be appreciative of the LMTAC's analysis and comments, adding that the UBCM would follow up on LMTAC's recommendations regarding the need to clarify confidentiality rules, and the potential for policy partnerships with MARR.

The Executive was also advised that the province had presented \$100,000 to UBCM during Convention last October for dispersal to local governments involved in treaty negotiations. UBCM was in the process of deciding how to allocate the funds to TAC groups.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No items were presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

On-table letter from Minister de Jong, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, stamped received December 13, 2006.

Chair Drew reported that LMTAC had received a positive response to the meeting with Minister de Jong, who had reiterated his appreciation for LMTAC's work.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the on-table letter from Minister de Jong, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, stamped received December 13, 2006.

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The Executive was reminded that a replacement LMTAC Treaty Table Representative to the Tsawwassen Table would be sought at the LMTAC Inaugural Board Meeting in January 2007.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the GVRD Board, in the interest of relationship building, might consider granting observation status for a TFN representative. It was shared that the First

Nations Strategy adopted by the GVRD Board allows for observer status, and also a GVRD ambassador to work with First Nations. As well, prior to both GVRD Board and Aboriginal Relations Committee meetings, the agenda material particular to Aboriginal relations and treaty issues were sent to First Nations and this resulted in some regular First Nation attendees.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- 10.1 Correspondence;
- 10.2 2007 Meeting Schedule;
- 10.3 Honorarium and Expense Form; and
- 10.4 On-table Treaty Commission Update, dated December 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING

It was reported that the Chair would be away January 4-28, 2007, and that the Vice Chair would assume his duties during that time.

It was anticipated that the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee tentatively scheduled January 17, 2006 would be cancelled, and that the next regular meeting would therefore occur January 31, 2007 – prior to the Inaugural Board meeting.

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held December 13, 2006 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:32 p.m.)