

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

February 15, 2006

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 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
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon (departed 4:45 p.m.)	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Harold Steves	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Vice Chair)	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson (departed 4:45 p.m.)	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Carrie Peacock	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

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 February 15, 2006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled February 15, 2006, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 December 14, 2005 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held December 14, 2005 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegations were received.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Impact of Mikisew Cree v. Canada on Treaty Rights and Certainty

LMTAC report regarding "The Impact of Mikisew Cree v. Canada on Treaty Rights and Certainty", dated January 6, 2006.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, led the meeting in a review of the subject report and its recommendations. He acknowledged Parks Canada's 2001 approval of the

construction of a winter road through Wood Buffalo National Park. He further reviewed the Supreme Court of Canada's subsequent ruling which recognized that although a treaty granted the Crown certain authorities relative to treaty rights, it did not discharge government of its duty to consult with First Nations.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, added that the case was referenced at the Tsawwassen table, and that provincial and federal responses were anticipated relative to how the case would impact treaty mandates. A member acknowledged Musqueam's current claims that they'd not been adequately consulted with relative to a specific situation in Richmond

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive for information the report regarding "The Impact of Mikisew Cree v. Canada on Treaty Rights and Certainty"; and
- b) direct staff to monitor policy developments resulting from the decision outlined in the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1a) Katzie

Councillor Mel Kositsky, LMTAC Treaty Table Representative to the Katzie Table, acknowledged the treaty table's positive comments relative to former LMTAC Treaty Table Representative Candace Gordon.

5.0b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.0c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.0d) Tsawwassen

No items were presented.

5.0e) Tsleil-Waututh

No items were presented.

5.0f) Other

No items were presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Finance & Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

On-table list of "FASC Recommendations to the Executive Committee", dated February 15, 2006.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee authorize the Managing Director to proceed with extending the existing web contract on a month-to month basis until such time as the FASC was prepared to recommend next steps regarding a contract renewal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee request that the LMTAC Chair send a formal letter of thanks to the GVRD Chair, for the GVRD's support and participation in the February 1, 2006 LMTAC Orientation Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Corinne Lonsdale, Chair of the Finance and Administrative Sub Committee, informed the meeting that LMTAC had not received any indications that provincial funding was forthcoming. She added that financial support was required, and that FASC would be discussing

options for addressing the organization's funding needs. It was further suggested that LMTAC involve the UBCM in seeking funds from Minister Christensen.

Request for Action

Councillor Alan Nixon agreed to contact BC Treaty Commissioner Mike Harcourt to discuss an approach to take with the BC Treaty Commission and/or the province relative to LMTAC's pursuit of funding.

Members acknowledged LMTAC's significant and ongoing contributions to the treaty negotiation process, as a key resource member at local treaty discussions. It was suggested that government be reminded that local governments (as taxpayers) were 'paying twice' into the treaty negotiations process. Members further suggested that the federal minister and crown corporations be approached for funding, and that Premier Campbell also be contacted regarding the situation.

4:45 p.m.

Councillors Jean Ferguson and Alan Nixon departed the meeting.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

No items were presented.

7.2 Staff Report

No items were presented.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Kositsky referenced the 'Media Monitor' which included some informative media excerpts pertaining to local First Nations issues.

Request for Action

It was requested that copies of the 'Media Monitor' be electronically distributed to all LMTAC members for information.

8.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

UBCM Notice of the "2006 Province-Wide Community-to-Community Forum, on Friday, March 10, 2006".

8.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No items were presented.

9. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- 10.1 Correspondence; and
- 10.2 2006 Meeting Schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled March 8, 2006.

11. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 15, 2006 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:48 p.m.)