

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

August 15, 2007

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:	STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:
Metro Vancouver (GVRD)	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair)	Marino Piombini
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett (via teleconference)	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
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 3:54 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 August 15, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled August 15, 2007 be adopted with the following additional Other Business items:

- Item 9.2: Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon MP, Chuck Strahl
- Item 9.3: Sechelt Indian Band Update

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 July 11, 2007 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held July 11, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

No delegations were received.

4. LMTAC REPORTS

4.1 Summary of Results – Monthly Board Feedback Form

LMTAC report regarding “Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, July 2007”, dated July 30, 2007 and related attachment.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, reviewed recent comments and suggestions received from LMTAC Board members on the LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Forms. He referenced a question he received regarding the impacts of Indian Affairs’ recent media releases relative to specific claims, and why nearly half of all specific claims were located

in BC. In following-up with INAC staff, it was reasoned that half of all Indian Reserves were located in BC, mostly along transportation and utility corridors.

4.2 Tsawwassen Final Agreement Errata

LMTAC report regarding "Tsawwassen Final Agreement Errata"

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referred the meeting to the LMTAC report, and acknowledged minor changes required prior to signing the Agreement including: corrections to technical or grammatical mistakes; clarifications; and issues that were not fully covered under the Land Title Chapter and Governance Chapter. Ms. Schlecker referenced the TFN's written statement explaining the 'Errata', which was available on LMTAC's website.

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

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands News Release titled "Province and Squamish Nation Reach Land-Use Agreement", dated July 26, 2007.

Chair Drew suggested that the GVRD contemplate the development of a First Nations MOU to address First Nations' requests for cultural sites, and collaborative fish and wildlife management. Marino Piombini noted that MOUs could be considered for First Nations use of parkland, noting that Tseil-Waututh and others had expressed some interest in this regard. It was noted that over the past dozen years, some First Nations had focused on mapping their traditional territories and cultural sites. Language could also be included in an MOU to encourage First Nations to work with the GVRD to accommodate their traditional needs.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

Office of the Premier, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and Tsawwassen First Nation News Release titled "Premier Congratulates Tsawwassen First Nation on Landmark Treaty Vote", dated July 25, 2007.

No other items were presented.

5.1e) Tseil-Waututh

No items were presented.

5.1f) Other: Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, noted that although one vote had already been held to approve the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement, four additional votes had been scheduled in October 2007.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, announced that the September 5, 2007 FASC Meeting had been cancelled.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

No items were presented.

7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that Regional District funding request letters had been sent out earlier in the week to the SLRD, GVRD and SCRd. She added that LMTAC's presentations in this regard to the GVRD's Aboriginal Relations Committee was scheduled for September and another presentation to the GVRD Finance Committee would likely be scheduled in October; while a presentation to the SCRd would likely be scheduled in November 2007 and a presentation to the SLRC may take place in either October or November.

Ms. Schlecker advised that she would be away from the office August 20-31, 2007 inclusively. Additionally, she noted that efforts would be made to circulate the revised briefing notes for the September 2007 meetings with the Ministers, within the coming week.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee

Marino Piombini reported that the GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee would soon be referred to as the "Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee". Future references in LMTAC meeting minutes and notes should henceforth reflect this change.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Kositsky reported that that some FVTAC members intended to attend the August 24-25, 2007 In-SCHUCK-ch Days.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Registration Package for the September 24-28, 2007 UBCM Annual Convention.

Chair Drew referred the meeting to the information provided in the Agenda package regarding the UBCM Convention scheduled September 24-28, 2007 at Canada Place.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Councillor Kositsky announced a September 5-8, 2007 FCM Board Meeting in New Brunswick.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Draft Letter – MLA Support to Reinstate Provincial Funding to LMTAC

LMTAC Report regarding "Draft Letter – MLA Support to Reinstate Provincial Funding to LMTAC" and a related attachment.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, referred the meeting to the draft letter provided in the Agenda package.

Request for Action

It was requested that a paragraph be added to the letter recognizing the opportunities available at the UBCM Conference to communicate with other MLAs and the Minister.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that the letter would be mailed out during the last week of August to Mayors and Councils / Chairs and Boards of LMTAC member jurisdictions, requesting they contact their local MLAs in support of LMTAC efforts to secure predictable, annual funding from the province. It would also be sent electronically to local government Administrators, requesting that they forward the information to their respective Mayor and Council members.

Request for Action

Director Turner requested that the letter be received at his office prior to the August 27, 2007 SLRD Board Meeting.

9.2 Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon MP, Chuck Strahl

The meeting acknowledged that former Agriculture Minister (and Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon MP) Chuck Strahl, had been recently sworn in as the new Indian and Northern Affairs Minister.

Request for Action

It was requested that a letter be sent to Indian and North Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl: congratulating him on his recent appointment, offering assistance, providing information regarding LMTAC, and welcoming his attendance at LMTAC meetings.

9.3 Sechelt Indian Band

Director Janyk reported that Sechelt Indian Band Chief Stan Dixon was currently on a sabbatical. He added that prior to his leave, Chief Dixon had accepted an apology from the RCMP for their actions during a recent incident with some band members, which may not have been well-received by the full band. It was noted that during Chief Dixon's absence, the SCRCD had unusually received no correspondence from the Sechelt Indian Band.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

10.1 Correspondence.

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11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The meeting was informed that the next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled September 19, 2007.

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held August 15, 2007 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:30 p.m.)