

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

March 28, 2007

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:	STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair)	Marino Piombini
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Eric Britton
Richmond, City of	Councillor Linda Barnes	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (arrived 3:53 p.m.)	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	Rick Beauchamp (arrived 3:41 p.m.)
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
GUEST:		
Bronwen Beedle	Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (arrived 4:15 p.m.)	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Karen Miller	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

Call to Order

Chair Drew confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 March 28, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled March 28, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 February 14, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegation was received.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Summary of Results – Monthly Board Feedback Form

Report titled: "Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, February 2007"

Regan Schlecker advised that no specific information requests were received from the last meeting, however comments recognized that internal discussions of LMTAC without provincial delegations were found to be beneficial and it was suggested that the Board be provided with an opportunity such as this at least once a year.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive this report and the summary of comments (attached) for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Negotiation Table Reports

5.1a) Katzie

Mel Kositsky advised that a table meeting was scheduled for March 29 and 30, 2007.

3:41 p.m.

Rick Beauchamp joined the meeting.

5.1b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

Chair Drew advised that Kim Baird was re-elected as Chief with a margin of two to one.

5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that meetings scheduled for the current week were rescheduled to April 12-13, 2007; and Marino Piombini noted that a the band election was scheduled for March 29, 2007 and a community ratification vote for the Land Code (under the *First Nation Land Management Act*) was scheduled for April 22-23, 2007.

5.1f) Other

No items were presented.

Agenda Varied: The agenda was varied at this point in the meeting to consider item 7 prior to item 6.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Drew provided a verbal report on the March 15, 2007 LMTAC presentation to the Langley Agricultural Advisory Committee. Two presentations were anticipated for the City of Vancouver and District of North Vancouver. Chair Drew indicated that LMTAC welcomed the opportunity to provide information to local government.

Councillor Kositsky thanked LMTAC representatives for the presentation to LAAC, noting that it met the needs of the municipal advisory group.

Chair Drew commented on the UBCM First Nations Relations Committee; and advised that TAC Chairs had a conference call earlier that day (March 28). Discussion on final agreements and comments from each of the TACs would be attached to the minutes that would be available to in the near future. Further, it was noted that the most recent edition of the Community-to-Community Connect Newsletter were provided on-table for members. Discussion around the legal challenges of final agreements was undertaken by TAC Chairs. Legitimate interests and the vague definition of traditional territory were acknowledged as challenges; and the province was presently consulting with First Nations relative to overlapping interests.

A UBCM Treaty Conference was planned for May 23-24, 2007 in Richmond, BC and LMTAC would likely present on the Tsawwassen Final Agreement.

3:53 p.m.

Councillor Lonsdale joined the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, thanked LMTAC Executive members for responses to the TAC survey; and noted that comments related to funding and the sharing of confidential information among TACs would be a topic of discussion when the Minister meets with the UBCM First Nation Relations Committee on April 18th, and it was hoped that some policy options would be drafted.

Chair Drew expressed that during the UBCM Joint TAC conference call and discussion regarding UBCM's draft analysis of the Final Agreements, two additional issues identified within a recent GVRD staff report were highlighted by LMTAC: taxation of utility infrastructure, and true value of treaty lands relative to inclusion/exclusion from ALR. UBCM will undertake necessary revisions on the draft paper and circulate a final copy to all UBCM members in advance of the May conference in Richmond.

7.2 Staff Report

No report presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

Councillor Lonsdale, FASC Chair, advised that the GVRD Finance Committee was considering a formula-based remuneration rate. An increased honorarium applied retroactively could have implications for the 2007 LMTAC budget. FASC would further explore this matter at its next meeting in May.

Chair Drew noted that prudence was exercised relative to meetings and some savings were already anticipated.

6.1 a. The New Relationship

LMTAC Mission Statement and Project Guidelines

Councillor Lonsdale, FASC Chair, commented on New Relationship activities as it is a policy that significantly affects local government interests. The LMTAC Chair was contacted by a MARR consultant to provide input on a communications project – specifically relative to MARR communications with industry and third parties.

LMTAC was identified as a third party, and key messages included in LMTAC's response were reviewed by Councillor Lonsdale. Consultation with local governments early in the process was recognized as desirable.

It was suggested that the costs of participation by LMTAC from a consulting perspective should be estimated so that a request for participation funding could be submitted to MARR.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee consider LMTAC's Mission Statement and role relative to the New Relationship at a future LMTAC Executive Committee meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 b. Tsawwassen Final Agreement Communications Strategy

Councillor Lonsdale, FASC Chair, reviewed a recommendation from the FASC meeting of March 7, 2007, noting that much successful work had been done on communications relative to the Tsawwassen Final Agreement. The next phase of communication will likely include presentations to local governments and boards.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a. direct staff to not proceed with the Board suggestion (from its meeting February 28, 2007) that LMTAC draft correspondence to articulate the broad scope of Tsawwassen Final Agreement issues considered by LMTAC for member municipalities to forward individually to UBCM; and
- b. individual Councils and Boards be encouraged to act independently on behalf of their respective communities.

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6.1 c. Pre-Board Meal Requisition Forms

Referencing specific GVRD financial bylaws and policies, Councillor Lonsdale reviewed a recommendation from FASC March 7, 2007 relative to the pre-Board Meal Requisition invoice. Fairness was recognized as a priority with consistency for each jurisdiction. A member suggested that LMTAC cover the cost of the Chair's dinner for 2007.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Executive:

- a. direct staff to reimburse those member jurisdictions that submitted payment for pre-Board meals for reasons of fairness, with a letter of explanation sent to local government.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4:15 p.m.

Bronwen Beedle, Chief Negotiator, MARR – TNO joined the meeting.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 GVRD Aboriginal Relations Committee

Marino Piombini advised that the next Meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2007.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Regan Schleckler, Managing Director, noted that the FVTAC meeting scheduled March 27th was cancelled and that the FVRD Regional Community-to-Community Leadership forum on March 29th was also cancelled and would likely be rescheduled in September 2007.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

The meeting was apprised of a Joint TAC Chairs' conference call March 28, 2007; and Treaty Conference May 23-24, 2007.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No report was presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Kositsky advised that March 9, 2007 a flood control emergency meeting was hosted by Delta; and the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) representative indicated that INAC was doing an assessment of First Nations dikes along the Fraser River with consideration to freshet.

The City of Kelowna was considering amalgamation with West Bank and self government on the West Bank reserve would have some impacts.

Request for Action: *It was requested that LMTAC staff source the details of a BC Treaty Commission communications strategy about treaty negotiations.*

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 On-table Correspondence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled April 11, 2007 (only as required).

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held March 28, 2007 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Time: 4:27 p.m.)