

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

March 12, 2008

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in the 2nd Floor Café East Meeting Room, Metro Vancouver, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:	STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:
Metro Vancouver (RD)	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair)	
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Linda Barnes	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
West Vancouver, City of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
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 4:54 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 March 12, 2008

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled March 12, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 February 20, 2008

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 20, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegation was received.

4. LMTAC REPORTS

No reports were provided.

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Negotiation Table Reports

5.1a) Katzie

Maple Ridge News article dated March 01, 2008, titled: Katzie band elects Leon.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, expressed that the Public meeting scheduled for April 16, 2008 had been moved to the Katzie Band Office. Invitations would be sent to LMTAC representatives and other specific interest groups.

5.1b) Musqueam

Chair Drew advised that the Musqueam reconciliation agreement was ratified and forwarded to the legislature.

Councillor Barnes indicated that a Richmond Public Hearing was in progress relative to land excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

No items were presented.

5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, referenced an invitation from Environment Canada relative to an international forum to dialogue on cooperative management scheduled March 26-27, 2008. Chair Drew suggested that Metro Vancouver staff, including Marino Piombini, may be interested to attend.

5.1f) Other

No items were presented.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC)

The next Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee meeting was scheduled to occur March 13, 2008.

7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

No report provided.

7.2 Staff Report

Printed copy of www.pbli.com March 4-5, 2008 forum agenda.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, provided a verbal update on items discussed with regard to the *Tsilhqot'in First Nation v. British Columbia*, at the March 4-5, 2008 forum. There were 13 presenters' papers available, and highlights of speakers' presentations were accessible to interested LMTAC members. While there appeared to be no consensus on the significance of the case decision at present, all parties were interested in negotiation as means to resolve aboriginal title rather than litigation or legislation.

Further, Ms. Schlecker reported that a response had not yet been received to the request for a meeting with Minister Chong.

An update on New Relationship agreements reached in 2007 would be provided in the next LMTAC Board package.

The meeting was informed that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) met February 25, 2008 and recommended seeking interest from LMTAC and FVTAC to apply for a grant relative to a Treaty Knowledge Education (TKE) Fund program (application deadline is March 21, 2008).

Request for Action

Staff was encouraged to communicate LMTAC's support for a treaty knowledge education program grant application.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

A meeting of the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee was held March 7, 2008.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

No items considered.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

The next UBCM First Nations Relations Committee Meeting was scheduled for April 10, 2008 in Victoria. On April 8, 2008 the LMTAC Chair and staff had an interview scheduled with a UBCM co-op student in follow up to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement experience.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No report provided.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No items considered.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information:

10.1 Correspondence

10.2 Fasken Martineau Aboriginal Bulleting – First Nation Blockade Leads to Injunction

10.3 Information Bulleting – Province Appoints Treaty Commissioner

10.4 Honorarium and Expense Form.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled for March 26, 2008 (only as required).

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held March 12, 2008 be now concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 5:04 p.m.)