

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

July 9, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, 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) (arrived 4:00 p.m.)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Richmond, City of	Councillor Linda Barnes	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson (arrived 4:00 p.m.)	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
Mark Kirsop	Policy Analyst	
PREPARATION OF MINUTES:		
Carrie Peacock	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.	

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lonsdale confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 July 9, 2008

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled July 9, 2008 be adopted with the following amendments:

- include on-table Item 9.1; and
- omit Item 6.1A (and forwarding the item for consideration during the July 9, 2008 In-Camera Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

2.1 May 14, 2008 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held May 14, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 May 2, 2008 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the LMTAC Finance and Administration Sub-Committee held May 2, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

No delegations were received.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Summary of Results – Monthly Board Feedback Form

LMTAC report regarding “Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, May 21, 2008”, dated June 3, 2008, and related attachment.

Mark Kirsop, Policy Analyst, referenced responses and information requests received from LMTAC members after the prior meeting, noting that all responses received had now been acted upon by staff.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the LMTAC report regarding “Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, May 21, 2008”, dated June 3, 2008, and related attachment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Negotiation Table Reports

5.1a) Katzie

Article titled “Katzie First Nation Lawsuit alleges inadequate consultation by provincial government”, dated May 26, 2008.

Councillor Kositsky, Table Representative to the Katzie Table, reported that Katzie Table meetings were continuing during the coming week. He added that the table had remained active but would not be meeting during August. Katzie’s concerns regarding impacts of pending construction on a recently discovered and significant heritage site, were referenced.

Mark Kirsop, Policy Analyst, noted that Intergovernmental Relations Workshops were held May 21, 2008 and June 9, 2008. The next workshop was scheduled July 14, 2008 on Katzie’s participation in Metro Vancouver.

5.1b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

Press release issued by the Honourable Chuck Strahl, dated June 27, 2008, regarding Bill C-34, the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that the *Tsawwassen Final Agreement* had received Royal Assent on June 27, 2008. A copy of the press release issued by Minister Strahl acknowledging the event was referenced.

It was noted that the effective date had yet to be determined but would likely occur sometime in Spring 2009. Information provided regarding Tsawwassen First Nation becoming an ‘observer’ member of Metro Vancouver was also acknowledged. Ms. Schlecker noted that TFN may join some time after the municipal election process.

Members questioned what, if any, actions needed to be undertaken to enable a First Nation to transfer from ‘observer’ to ‘full member’ status. Ms. Schlecker confirmed that the proposed ‘observer’ status had been courteously extended, noting that the status would not include voting privileges or participation at in-camera sessions.

5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh

Councillor Nixon, Table Representative to the Tsleil-Waututh Table, advised that the table was scheduled to meet again on July 10, 2008.

5.1f) Other

No items were presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Chair's Report

No items presented.

7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, announced that a delegation from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, including ADM Paine, would be attending the July 23, 2008 LMTAC Board Meeting, to provide an update on the 'common table approach'. She recalled LMTAC's prior request for updates relative to how the Province was proceeding in this regard.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

The meeting was informed that the July 4, 2008 Aboriginal Relations Committee meeting had been rescheduled to July 10, 2008. Ms. Schlecker confirmed that LMTAC staff was no longer permitted to attend the committee's in-camera sessions.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Councillor Kositsky referenced a meeting held June 24, 2008, at which the FVTAC received the Cooperative Management Discussion Paper.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

8.3a) Draft MOU between the Province and UBCM on Local Government Participation in the Negotiation of Treaties and Other Agreements with First Nations in BC

Due to the confidential nature of this topic, notes of the discussion that ensued in this regard, are included in the Minutes of the July 9, 2008 In-Camera Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee.

8.3b) Draft UBCM Case Studies Handbook on Local Government Participation in the BC Treaty Process

UBCM Report titled "Case Studies Handbook, Promising Practices and Lessons Learned from Local Governments in Treaty Negotiations", labeled "Draft".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referenced the draft of the handbook noting that Chair Drew, Councillor Steves, Mark Kirsop and Regan Schlecker, were interviewed by a UBCM Co-op student relative to 'lessons learned' and 'suggested best practices'. Members were referred to the highlighted sections in the handbook, which recognized comments provided by LMTAC.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the report titled "Case Studies Handbook, Promising Practices and Lessons Learned from Local Governments in Treaty Negotiations".

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8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No items presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Correspondence from the Cariboo Regional District

Related documents:

- a) *Correspondence from the Cariboo Regional District, dated June 9, 2008;*
- b) *On-table draft response letter to the Cariboo Regional District dated July 9, 2008; and*
- c) *On-table letter to the UBCM Chair regarding Community Adjustment Fund dated July 4, 2008.*

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referred the meeting to the on-table letter drafted in response to an inquiry from the Cariboo Regional District. She reported that a Community Adjustment Fund was to be developed for local governments or community members that were adversely impacted by a treaty settlement. Ms. Schlecker referenced a report commissioned by UBCM and the Ministries of Aboriginal Relations and Community Services (entitled "Treaty Settlement Land – The Fiscal Impacts on Local Government"), which identified the Community Adjustment Fund as a potential way to mitigate any adverse impacts on local government. The province was going to subsequently considered the fund's use with recent final agreements.

It was noted that the July 4, 2008 letter to UBCM was intended to urge them to inquire with the Province about the status of discussions regarding the establishment of the Community Adjustment Fund for local governments impacted by final treaty settlements.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee endorse the draft response letter to the Cariboo Regional District, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4:00 p.m.

Chair Drew and Councillor Wade Anderson joined the meeting. Chair Drew assumed the Chair.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that the UBCM had requested that a similar delegation from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, attend their July 17, 2008 meeting to provide an update on the Unity Protocol and common table approach.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

The LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 Correspondence;
- 10.2 BCTC News Release: Story of Nisga'a journey now in classrooms;
- 10.3 Archaeology Branch – BC Hydro Generation MOU; and
- 10.4 LMTAC Honorarium and Expense Claim Form.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

Members were informed that the next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled July 23, 2008 (if required). It was noted that unless there was an immediate concern to address, the September 2008 LMTAC Board Meeting would not likely proceed due to a scheduling conflict with the UBCM Convention.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled September 24, 2008, be cancelled

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held July 9, 2008 now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:01 p.m.)