

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

**February 20, 2008**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Executive Committee** scheduled 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Café West Meeting Room, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>		
<b>JURISDICTION:</b>	<b>ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:</b>	<b>STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:</b>
Metro Vancouver	Mayor Ralph Drew ( <b>Chair</b> )	Marino Piombini
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 (arrived 3:23 p.m.)	
Squamish/Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
<b>LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:</b>		
Regan Schlecker	Managing Director	
Mark Kirsop	Research and Communications Coordinator	
<b>PREPARATION OF MINUTES:</b>		
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 3:10 p.m.

**1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION**

**1.1 February 20, 2008**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee scheduled February 20, 2008 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

**2.1 January 23, 2008 Executive Committee**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held January 23, 2008 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 titled “Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 2008”, dated February 6, 2008, and attached “Summary of Results, LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 23, 2008”.*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, reported that three Monthly Board Feedback Forms had been submitted following the January LMTAC Board Meeting. One form requested that LMTAC staff obtain urban Aboriginal data from member jurisdictions to assist in building knowledge capacity. Marino Piombini, Metro Vancouver, acknowledged Metro Vancouver's prior efforts related to the collection of urban Aboriginal data. Members encouraged joint efforts, when possible, to avoid duplication of research and policy work.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referenced questions raised by members at the January 2008 LMTAC Orientation Session, and the interest expressed in addressing social issues. She acknowledged the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliations potential involvement in the coordination of an urban aboriginal workshop, possibly with First Nations involvement, in the Spring of 2008.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee:

- a) receive for information the LMTAC report titled "Summary of Results – LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 2008", dated February 6, 2008, and attached "Summary of Results, LMTAC Monthly Board Feedback Form, January 23, 2008", and
- b) direct staff through the Technical and Strategic Working Group, to continue to compile urban Aboriginal data and resource information in preparation for the LMTAC 2008 Workplan Item #8: Host Special Workshop on Key Urban Aboriginal Issues.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. STANDING REPORTS**

**5.1 Negotiation Table Reports**

**5.1a) Katzie**

Councillor Kositsky, Table Representative to the Katzie Table, reported that Katzie band elections were scheduled February 28, 2008. Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, added that a Public Information Session was scheduled April 16, 2008 at the Pitt Meadows Recreation Centre.

**5.1b) Musqueam**

No items were presented.

**5.1c) Squamish**

Director Barry Janyk referenced efforts towards scheduling a Community to Community Forum between the Town of Gibsons, Squamish First Nation and the Sunshine Coast Regional District, in Gibsons on February 22. He further reported that band elections for the Sechelt First Nation were scheduled February 23-24, 2008.

**5.1d) Tsawwassen**

No items were presented.

**5.1e) Tsleil-Waututh**

*Tsleil-Waututh Context Summary – LMTAC Executive Public Agenda – February 20, 2008.*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, referenced a Chief Negotiators Meeting held February 4, 2008, which LMTAC table representatives would likely be informed of, during a conference call with the Province on February 22, 2008.

**5.1f) Other**

No items were presented.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)**

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee was scheduled March 13, 2008.

## 7. INFORMATION

### 7.1 Chair's Report

#### 7.1a) Memorandum: Lower Mainland Treaty Table Representation

*LMTAC Memorandum from Chair Drew regarding "Lower Mainland Treaty Table Representation", dated February 11, 2008.*

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referred the meeting to the subject memorandum, which provided members with information relative to LMTAC protocols. Members were requested to keep the LMTAC office informed of changes to LMTAC Staff Representatives.

3:23 p.m.

Councillor Lonsdale arrived at the meeting.

#### ***Request for Action***

*It was requested that LMTAC staff provide table representatives with some blank "Negotiation Meeting Summary" forms, to assist them in completing and submitting reports.*

It was noted that efforts were proceeding with the provincial negotiating team towards clarifying which items could or could not be discussed at in-camera meetings. Ms. Schlecker recalled that during the final stages of the TFN negotiations, an information sharing protocol was developed with negotiators at the TFN table, which was endorsed by the Ministry's Executive Director and others. She suggested that the protocol be revisited for guidance.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the LMTAC memorandum regarding "Lower Mainland Treaty Table Representation", dated February 11, 2008.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.2 Staff Report

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, announced that Jerry Lampert (former President and CEO of the Business Council of BC) was the new federal appointee to the BC Treaty Commission.

It was noted that the 2006 *Unity Protocol* (signed by a number of First Nations) proposed that a common table be established to address a number of mandate issues, such as 'co-management'. Ms. Schlecker referenced a recent announcement that funding would be provided for the creation of a common table; and acknowledged a February 12, 2008, Throne Speech News Release from the Office of the Premier, which referred to 'support for fast-tracked treaty negotiations at common tables, as suggested by the BC Treaty Commission and First Nations'.

In response to questions raised regarding LMTAC involvement at the new common table, Chair Drew suggested that the Minister be asked about the roles of local and federal government in the process.

Marino Piombini, Metro Vancouver, referenced an upcoming forum titled "Tsilhqot'in First Nation v. British Columbia: The Immediate Impact and Next Steps", at which Tim E. Koepke, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office would be speaking regarding treaty negotiations in BC. Members suggested that Mr. Koepke be invited to a future LMTAC meeting.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT an LMTAC Staff Representative register to attend the Pacific Business and Law Institute course "Tsilhqot'in First Nation v. British Columbia: The Immediate Impact and Next Steps" scheduled March 4-5, 2008 at the Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, BC.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was informed that Sandra Carter, Bull Housser and Tupper LLP, would be providing a presentation at the next LMTAC Board Meeting, regarding the *Tsilhqot'in First Nation* decision.

Ms. Schlecker further advised that the 2007 audit process was underway and she would report findings through FASC when available.

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

### **8.1 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee**

The meeting was informed that the next meeting of the Aboriginal Relations Committee was scheduled March 7, 2008; and that the committee's membership now included 11 members.

### **8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)**

Councillor Kositsky acknowledged a February 26, 2008 FVTAC meeting.

### **8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)**

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that UBCM recently circulated an update to TAC and provided an overview of some of the highlights, such as monitoring legal briefings of the *Tsilhqot'in* decision to consider whether UBCM should seek an opinion on the implications for local government, in addition to continued work with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation regarding predictable funding for TAC groups.

She acknowledged that the UBCM had received \$300,000 to assist with relationship-building activities. It was noted that a student had been retained to conduct the research required to create a case studies handbook, based on the three final agreements in the province. Ms. Schlecker referenced two grant programs, which local governments affected by final agreements, could apply to UBCM for.

Members were informed that the next UBCM First Nations Relations Committee Meeting was scheduled April 9, 2008 in Victoria, BC.

### **8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**

Councillor Kositsky referenced topics addressed at the FCM's February 14-16, 2008 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Request to Meet with Minister Chong, Ministry of Community Services**

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, acknowledged efforts since August 2007 to schedule a meeting with Minister Chong, and referred members to the previously developed list of items for discussion with the Minister. It was noted that the Minister's staff had recently suggested some potential opportunities to meet Minister Chong, in addition to proposing collaboration with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Members discussed the benefits of meeting with both Ministries and expressed a preference to meet as soon as possible, in Vancouver. If a meeting with both Ministers could not be coordinated, a meeting with Minister Chong would still be pursued.

It was noted that LMTAC's discussion paper "Developing a Local Government Perspective on Cooperative Management Agreements with First Nations", would include local government implications as well as treaty and non-treaty related issues, and may be a topics for discussion at the meeting with the Ministers.

### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the LMTAC Executive Committee request staff to pursue a meeting with the Minister of Community Services and coordinate such efforts with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, as required, to meet collaboratively with LMTAC Executive Committee members to discuss the following topics:

- a) Provincial funding for TACs
- b) An approach to the Local Government Relations Chapter at upcoming AIP Treaty Tables (including Comprehensive Master Agreements);

- c) Establishing a formal role for local government in the province's New Relationship with First Nations; and
- d) Co-management.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4:00 p.m.

Councillor Barrett left the meeting.

**10. INFORMATION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

The LMTAC Executive Committee receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 LMTAC Correspondence Items;
- 10.2 Correspondence from Sunshine Coast Regional District, regarding "Community to Community Forum";
- 10.3 First Nations Leadership Council News Release regarding "First Nations of British Columbia Issue, Declaration Affirming Aboriginal Title", dated November 30, 2007;
- 10.4 News Release from the Office of the Premier, regarding "Throne Speech Lays Groundwork for Next Generations", dated February 12, 2008; and
- 10.5 LMTAC Honorarium and Expense Claim Form.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, acknowledged the First Nations Leadership Council's News Release outlining their perspectives on the *Tsilhqot'in* court decision and co-management issues.

***Request for Action***

*Members requested that Sandra Carter, Bull, Housser and Tupper, LLP, be informed in advance regarding the First Nations Leadership Council news release and topics to be discussed at the LMTAC Board Meeting.*

4:05 p.m.

Councillor Barrett rejoined the meeting.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Members were informed that the next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee was scheduled March 12, 2008.

**12. CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held February 20, 2008 be concluded.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Time: 4:06p.m.)