

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

April 26, 2000

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** held at 8:16 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in the 2nd Floor Board Room, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE:	ALTERNATE:
District of North Vancouver	Mayor Don Bell (Chair)	Cameron Thorn
Village of Anmore	Mayor Hal Weinberg	
Village of Belcarra	Councillor Jamie Ross	
Municipality of Bowen Island	Mayor Lisa Barrett (departed 8:50 p.m.)	
City of Coquitlam	Councillor Louella Hollington (arrived 8:37 p.m.)	Robin Hicks
Corporation of Delta		Dave Ellenwood
Greater Vancouver RD	Director Ralph Drew	Marino Piombini
City of Langley	Councillor Terry Smith	
Township of Langley	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Councillor Bob Long Frank Clark-Jones
Village of Lions Bay	Councillor Peter Stevenson	
City of North Vancouver		Ken Tollstam
District of Pitt Meadows	Councillor Janis Elkerton (departed 8:59 p.m.)	
City of Port Coquitlam		Jim Maitland (departed 9:04 p.m.)
City of Port Moody	Councillor Meghan Lahti	Colleen Rohde
Squamish-Lillooet RD	Director Pam Tattersfield	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Bruce Milne	
City of Surrey	Councillor Jeanne Eddington	Rob Costanzo
City of White Rock	Councillor James Coleridge	
ABSENT:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC REPRESENTATIVE:	ALTERNATE:
District of North Vancouver		Councillor Lisa Muri Dennis Back
Village of Anmore		Councillor Rob Boies
Village of Belcarra		Moira McGregor
Municipality of Bowen Island		Rick Page
City of Burnaby	Councillor Barbara Der	
Corporation of Delta	Councillor Vicki Huntington	Dave Ellenwood
Greater Vancouver RD		Ken Cameron
Village of Lions Bay		Bernice Pullen
District of Maple Ridge	Councillor Candace Gordon	Trevor Wingrove
City of New Westminster	Councillor Bob Osterman	Leslie Gilbert
City of North Vancouver	Mayor Barbara Sharp	
District of Pitt Meadows		Nancy Gomerich
City of Port Coquitlam		Jim Maitland
City of Richmond	Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt	Jim Bruce
District of Squamish	Mayor Corinne Lonsdale	Grant Mc Radu
Squamish-Lillooet RD		Rick Beauchamp
Sunshine Coast RD		Brian Chambers
City of Vancouver	Councillor Sam Sullivan	Pat Wotherspoon

District of West Vancouver	Councillor Alan Williams	Steve Nicholls
Resort Municipality Whistler	Mayor Hugh O'Reilly	Jim Godfrey
City of White Rock		Diane Middler
OBSERVERS:		
Nancy Chiavario, Former LMTAC Chair		
Tamara Little, Fraser Valley Regional District		
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
David Didluck	Executive Director	
Kirstie Pirie	Coordinator	
Rae Ratslef	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	
GUESTS:		
Julie Balfour, Manager Research, Planning and Analysis, FTNO		
Helen Davies, Public Information and Consultation Advisor, FTNO		
Katherine Gordon, Chief Negotiator, BC South		
Cory Herrera, Negotiator, BC South		
Stu Lewis, BC South		

1. Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED (Drew) and SECONDED (Lahti)

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of LMTAC scheduled April 26, 2000, be adopted with amendment such that recommendations from the Executive Committee Regular Meeting held April 26, 2000 be presented following Item 1, "Adoption of the Agenda".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Bell introduced the recommendations from the Executive Committee meeting as follows:

Data Sharing Protocol

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Ross)

That the LMTAC Board direct staff to prepare an information report summarizing information regarding data sharing protocols for presentation at its next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community-to-Community Forum Agenda

It was MOVED (Coleridge) and SECONDED (Eddington)

That the Board authorize the LMTAC Chair, the Tsleil-Waututh table representative and the Executive Director to prepare a Community-to-Community Forum Agenda with the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation that takes into consideration the interests of the Lower Mainland Municipal Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LMTAC Member Website Links to LMTAC Website

It was MOVED (Weinberg) and SECONDED (Coleridge)

That the LMTAC Board request all member municipalities and regional districts include links on their web sites to LMTAC's web site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Full LMTAC Meeting March 22, 2000

It was MOVED (Eddington) SECONDED (Kositsky)

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of LMTAC held March 22, 2000, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Special Delegation: Federal Treaty Negotiation Office

Helen Davies, Public Information and Consultation Advisor, and Julie Balfour, Manager, Research, Planning and Analysis from FTNO, were welcomed to the meeting.

3.1 Overview of FTNO

Ms. Davies provided an introductory address noting that FTNO recognizes that the UBCM represents the province wide local governments, that the LMTAC is represented in treaty negotiations as part of the provincial team and that there is benefit in the FTNO and LMTAC being able to engage in informal dialogue.

8:37 p.m.

Councillor Louella Hollington arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Balfour provided an overview of the federal vision and policy back drop pertaining to key treaty issues noting the federal government represents a long term perspective and has a comprehensive policy to undertake land claim negotiations. Ms. Balfour noted British Columbia is unique from other Canadian provinces in that it is attempting to address Aboriginal rights and titles at the same time as land claim issues.

Ms. Balfour discussed statements of reconciliation as a result of past government actions noting there is recognition that governance of non-Aboriginal people over Aboriginal people is not acceptable. To this end, the federal government is prepared to talk to First Nations regarding a broad array of government responsibilities and would like to see local governments sit with First Nations in determining how treaties will evolve.

3.2 Questions and Answers

Chair Bell, on behalf of the Board, outlined key issues of concern to LMTAC including that:

- local governments are not recognized in the Constitution as a level of government;
- former federal and provincial government responsibilities are being increasingly downloaded to local governments with no recognition of the hardship caused to local governments;
- local governments seek post-treaty governance equality with First Nations; and
- local governments be given an opportunity to influence the self-governance model.

8:50 p.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett departed the meeting.

Additional comments from Board members concerned:

- that the federal government find a way to compensate First Nations for past injustices that is fair and non-destructive and that takes into account existing interests;
- importance of developing the self-governance model early in the treaty process, as a beginning rather than final step; and
- the need for federal government consideration of how governance conflicts between local governments and First Nations will be resolved.

8:59 p.m.

Councillor Janis Elkerton departed the meeting.

Ms. Balfour responded concerning the information sharing practices of the federal government negotiators on opposite ends of the country and provided information on First Nations' ability to continue to apply for Reserve lands at the same time treaty negotiations are proceeding.

9:04 p.m.

Jim Maitland departed the meeting.

Chair Bell, on behalf of the Board, thanked the FTNO representatives for their presentation and noted that further discussion is needed on issues relating to how federal and treaty settlement lands will relate, concept of non-Aboriginal taxation without representation, off-Reserve Aboriginals' impact on municipally funded social programs and conflict resolution and representation.

4. Key Issues for Discussion

4.1 Interests Identification – Update

Memorandum dated April 15, 2000 from the Executive Director regarding “Interest Identification Attachments”.

Board members were requested to review Items 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 and to forward any comments to the LMTAC office. These items were deferred to the next Board meeting.

4.1.1 Summary of Comments on Additional or Amended LMTAC First Principles

Letter dated March 9, 2000 to Member Councils from the LMTAC Chair presenting “Additional and Amended Principles for LMTAC First Principles”.

4.1.2 DTATF Comments on July 1998 LMTAC Considerations Paper

Letter dated March 28, 2000 to the LMTAC Chair from the Mayor, Corporation of Delta, responding to a March 13, 2000 letter.

4.1.3 Integrated Considerations Interest Paper – March 2000 – Draft

Draft document dated March 2000 titled “Considerations A Guide to Lower Mainland Area Local Government Interests in Treaty Negotiations – Updated to Include LMTAC’s First Principles”.

5. Business Arising

5.1 BC Hydro Aboriginal Relations Information Session

An information sheet and sign-in form regarding the May 10, 2000 BC Hydro Aboriginal Relations Information Session was circulated.

6. Standing Reports

6.1 Chair

Letter dated April 11, 2000 to Lidstone, Young and Anderson from the LMTAC Chair regarding “Consultation Requirements of Local Government/Presentation to UBCM Aboriginal Issue Conference April 6, 2000”.

6.2 Communications Subcommittee

There was no Communications Subcommittee report considered at the meeting.

6.3 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee

Minutes of the Finance and Organizational Subcommittee regular meeting held April 17, 2000.

6.4 Executive Director

- a) *Letter dated April 4, 2000 to the Chair, Aboriginal Issues Committee, UBCM, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs responding to the UBCM’s March 14, 2000 correspondence;*
- b) *Memorandum dated February 28, 2000 from the Executive Director regarding “Bill 88 – Openness Implications for TACs”.*

6.5 Fraser Valley TAC

Tamara Little, FVTAC Aboriginal Affairs Coordinator, provided a brief summary of FVTAC activities, highlighting that the Sto: Lo Maintable will be rescheduled in the near future.

7. Information Items

The LMTAC Board received the following for information:

- 7.1 Minutes of the LMTAC Executive Meeting April 12, 2000;
- 7.2 Minutes of the LMTAC Executive Meeting March 22, 2000;
- 7.3 Correspondence (various);
- 7.4 Correspondence re GVRD Policy in Relation to Aboriginal Land Claims in ALR;
- 7.5 FTNO Treaty Newsletter, March 2000;
- 7.6 LMTAC Media Release;
- 7.7 Members Honorarium and Expense Form;

- 7.8 Media Clippings; and
- 7.9 First Nations Media Monitor – April 7, 2000.

It was MOVED (Kositsky) and SECONDED (Coleridge)

That the LMTAC Board receive for information all reports pertaining to Items 4 through 7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. On-Table Items

There were no on-table items considered at the meeting.

9. Other Business

9.1 Dispute Resolution Flow Chart

Chair Bell advised a modified dispute resolution flow chart will be presented at the next Board meeting.

10. Adjournment

The LMTAC Board Regular Meeting held April 26, 2000 adjourned at 9:15 p.m.