

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

November 28, 2001

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** held at 7:37 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2001, in the 2nd floor Boardroom, GVRD Offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
District of North Vancouver	Mayor Don Bell (Chair)	Steve Hardy
Greater Vancouver RD	Director Ralph Drew (Vice Chair)	Marino Piombini
Village of Anmore	Mayor Hal Weinberg	
Village of Belcarra	Councillor Jamie Ross	Moira McGregor
Municipality of Bowen Island	Mayor Lisa Barrett (departed 8:10 p.m.)	
City of Coquitlam	Councillor Louella Hollington	
Corporation of Delta	Councillor George Hawksworth	Les King
City of Langley	Councillor Terry Smith	
Township of Langley	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Frank Clarke-Jones
Village of Lions Bay	Councillor Peter Stevenson	Lori Pilon
District of Maple Ridge	Councillor Candace Gordon	
City of New Westminster	Councillor Bob Osterman	
City of North Vancouver		Ken Tollstam
District of Pitt Meadows	Councillor Janis Elkerton	
City of Port Coquitlam	Councillor Mike Forrest	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Lee Turnbull (departed 8:22 p.m.)	
City of Vancouver	Councillor Sam Sullivan	
City of White Rock	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Kirstie Pirie	LMTAC Manager	
Regan Schlecker	Aboriginal Affairs Analyst	
Vivian Guthrie	Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures	
GUESTS:		
Michelle Carr, Treaty Negotiation Office		
Katherine Gordon, Treaty Negotiation Office, Chief Negotiator		
Cory Herrera, Treaty Negotiation Office, Negotiator (departed 8:00 p.m.)		
Rachel Houpt, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office		
Bill Seymour, Consultation Manager, BC Team South		

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bell confirmed a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

1. AGENDA

1.1 November 28, 2001 – Adoption of Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled November 28, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

2.1 October 24, 2001

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held October 24, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

November 14, 2001 Executive

November 1, 2001 FOSC

November 1, 2001 CSC

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the LMTAC Executive Committee, Finance and Organizational Subcommittee and Communications Subcommittee meetings held November 14 and November 1, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No Delegations were received at the meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Budget 2002*

a) *Document titled "LMTAC Budget 2002 cover Notes*

b) *Document titled "LMTAC Statement of Revenue and Expenditure Budget"*

c) *Document titled "LMTAC Draft 2002 Budget Detail (by account code)"*

Councillor Gordon, Finance and Organizational Sub-committee Chair, presented the LMTAC budget for consideration and stated that expenses were approximately \$20,000 less than the previous year but by the inclusion of the Urban Forum at an estimated expense of \$40,000 the resulting budget shows approximately \$20,000 more in expenses. Councillor Gordon explained the reallocation of some accounts for clarification and continuity.

Katherine Gordon, Treaty Negotiation Office, Chief Negotiator, cautioned that the estimate of \$90,000 from the provincial government might be an overestimate. Chair Bell announced he would be making a presentation to the GVRD Board on the merits of LMTAC and it was hoped that there would be no reduction in the GVRD contribution.

In general discussion it was noted that \$30,000 of the budgeted funds for the Urban Forum was expected to come from other sources. A special project funding application would be made to cover the costs of the potential workgroup on private lands.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board adopts the 2002 LMTAC Budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Workplan 2002

Document titled, "Workplan 2002, a Summary of Key LMTAC Milestones"

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, presented under categories of Annual and Specific, the proposed Communications Sub-committee objectives for the 2002 term and opened the floor to questions.

The possibility of a chat line addition to the LMTAC web site was discussed. The Sub-Committee will review the suggestion and report back. Further, it was suggested that support to Treaty Table Representatives should be flagged as a primary ongoing function in the Workplan.

A member queried whether a date had been set in regards to a Servicing Agreement Workshop Ms. Pirie advised that resources were still being collected and that a workshop was anticipated early in the New Year.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board adopts the 2002 LMTAC Workplan as amended to:

- a) add the year to dates of completion; and,
- b) add an item under Specific, Treaty Negotiation/Policy, Ongoing support of the Treaty Table Representatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 New Financial Policy/Updated Operation Procedures

Document titled, "LMTAC Operating Procedures".

Councillor Gordon, Finance and Organizational Sub-committee Chair, introduced the document intended to clarify the authority of the Manager and to uphold the new LMTAC mission statement.

Request of Staff

Staff was requested to bold, block or side bar proposed changes in future documents for clarity.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board amend the LMTAC Operating Procedures by adding a new section 13, "Financial Policies", to read:

"13.a) The Manager has the authority to spend within the established budget and workplan. In cases where expenditure is over \$1,000, written authorization by the LMTAC Chair or Finance and Organizational Sub-committee Chair is required. In cases where expenditure is not within the established budget and workplan, it must be forwarded to the LMTAC Board for approval."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:00 p.m.

Cory Herrera departed the meeting.

4.4 Lower Mainland Urban Forum

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, reported on the progress of partnership possibilities and requested that members block three potential dates for the Urban Forum: April 12 & 13, April 19 & 20, and May 3 & 4. A list of speakers was under development.

In discussion the April dates were preferable to most members and it was suggested that speakers should be contacted for their availability. It was also suggested that the Communications Sub-Committee meet with Ms. Pirie to assist in finalizing speakers.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the oral report regarding the Urban Forum be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Chair

Chair Bell reported on a recent presentation to Squamish Lillooet Regional District at which he was accompanied by the LMTAC Manager and noted that he would be making a presentation to the Greater Vancouver Regional District on behalf of the LMTAC on November 30, 2001.

5.2 LMTAC Staff

Document dated November 16, 2001, from Kirstie Pirie, Manager, titled "Manager Report – September 17 to November 16, 2002 Activities".

Kirstie Pirie, Manager, presented the report of the highlights of recent LMTAC staff projects and activities.

Regan Schlecker, Aboriginal Affairs Analyst, spoke in regards to research on Servicing Agreements. Samples are still being collected for the preliminary inventory and she encouraged members to submit agreements for inclusion.

5.3 Communications Sub-committee

Mayor Hal Weinberg, Communications Sub-committee Chair, reported that the Sub-committee would be meeting in December primarily to discuss details for the Urban Forum.

5.4 Finance and Organizational Subcommittee (FOSC)

Councillor Gordon, Finance and Organizational Sub-committee Chair, reported that a three-month review of the Manager's position was due and that an evaluation form had been faxed to members. A prompt return of the completed forms was requested.

8:10 p.m.

Mayor Lisa Barrett departed the meeting.

7.1 Negotiation Table Reports

Schedule dated October 31, 2001, titled "Treaty Advisory, Lower Mainland Region, November - December, 2001"

There were no Negotiation Table Reports at the meeting.

7.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

Document dated October 17, 2001, from the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee, titled, "Executive Summary, Presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs by FVTAC"

Councillor Gordon advised that there would be a meeting of the Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee in January 2002.

Katherine Gordon, Treaty Negotiation Office, Chief Negotiator, presented updates on Treaty Tables at FVTAC.

Chair Bell clarified that the FVTAC presentation had been supported in the LMTAC presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs.

5.7 UBCM

- a) *Document dated September 27, 2001 titled Protocol on Cooperation and Communication between the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the First Nations Summit.*
- b) *Document dated September 27, 2001, titled "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Communication and Information Sharing between the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) British Columbia Region.*

Chair Bell drew attention to letters directed to the UBCM Executive, Communities and Resources, and Aboriginal Affairs Committees requesting endorsement of the LMTAC Local Government Fisheries Background Paper. Vice Chair Drew advised that the fisheries paper had been distributed by UBCM to members for consideration.

In discussion it was considered whether the paper should be presented at the UBCM Convention. It was determined that consideration of a presentation should be decided closer to the Call for Presentation to Convention in June or July 2002.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receives for information reports contained in items 5.1 through 5.7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:22 p.m.

Director Lee Turnbull departed the meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Updated Terms of Reference: Communications Sub-Committee (CSC)

Document dated November 2001, titled, "LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee, Terms of Reference"

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorses the Communications Sub-Committee Terms of Reference as updated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Updated Terms of Reference: Technical & Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

Document dated October 30, 2001, titled, "LMTAC Communications Sub-Committee, Terms of Reference"

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorses the Technical & Strategic Working Group Terms of Reference as updated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In discussion it was suggested that the LMTAC Organization Chart did not accurately describe the reporting relationship of the committees and Chair. Chair Bell advised that an item to review the reporting structure in January 2002 was contained within the 2002 Workplan.

6.3 January 2002 Elections

Document, titled, "Terms of LMTAC Elected Officials"

On Table Document titled, "2001 LMTAC Elected Positions", identifying the one-year terms up for election in January 2002

Chair Bell advised the documents were made available in preparation for the January 2002 elections. It was noted that, there being no Nominating Committee, all nominations would be from the floor.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receives the documents listed in item 6.3 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Other

Councillor Terry Smith announced that in consideration of work priorities he would not be able to represent the City of Langley on LMTAC in 2002.

7. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board receives the following for information:

- 7.1 Legal Definitions of Status and Non-Status Indians
- 7.2 Web Site Statistical Summaries;
- 7.3 Correspondence;
- 7.4 Agenda Deadlines 2002;
- 7.5 Members Honorarium and Expense Form; and
- 7.6 Media Clippings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Bell brought to the attention of members the correspondence advising Premier Campbell of LMTAC concerns in regards to agreements being negotiated with First Nations outside of the treaty process. (Item 7.3)

In discussion of Item 7.1, Definitions, it was determined that it was still not clear when Aboriginals would be eligible to be recognized under the treaty process.

Katherine Gordon, Treaty Negotiations Office, Chief Negotiator, advised that while Bands define their own membership, there is an Enrollment and Eligibility Chapter to be negotiated for each treaty. Ms. Gordon will provide LMTAC with an example of such a chapter. She also noted that there is criteria attached to enrollment and eligibility criteria that ensures an individual does not benefit from more than one treaty.

Councillor Sullivan reported that the City of Vancouver was concerned that urban Aboriginals living off-Reserve needed to be in communication with home bands to obtain benefits and that there were no methods in place with which to efficiently achieve contact. Chair Bell advised that this topic would be addressed in a backgrounder paper and was considered to be a part of a Workplan 2002, Specific to Treaty Negotiation / Policy (Item 6., Pre-workshop discussion with staff from GVRD, LMTAC, Health Boards and GVRD Social issues Subcommittee to discuss the Urban Aboriginal paper).

Rachel Houpt, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office, advised that some bands negotiating outside of LMTAC regularly consult with members living in urban centres.

8. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the LMTAC Board November 28, 2001 Regular Meeting be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time 8:50 p.m.)