

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

November 23, 2005

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** scheduled Wednesday, November 23, 2005 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Board/Committee Room, GVRD Offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	LMTAC ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE:	LMTAC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Greater Vancouver RD	Director Ralph Drew (Chair)	Marino Piombini
Maple Ridge, District of	Councillor Candace Gordon (Vice Chair)	
Anmore, Village of	Councillor Ken Juvik	
Belcarra, Village of	Councillor Colin Richardson (arrived 6:35 p.m.)	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Mayor Lisa Barrett	
Burnaby, City of	Mayor Derek Corrigan	Kimberly Flick
Coquitlam, City of	Councillor Fin Donnelly	
Delta, Corporation of	Mayor Lois Jackson	
Langley, City of	Councillor Ted Schaffer	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Frank Clark-Jones
Lions Bay, Village of	Councillor Lisa Turpin	
New Westminster, City of	Councillor Bob Osterman	
North Vancouver, City of	Councillor Bob Heywood	Ken Tollstom
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Pitt Meadows, District of	Councillor Debra Eisel	
Port Moody, City of		Kelly Kenney
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Sunshine Coast RD	Director Barry Janyk	
Surrey, City of	Councillor Penny Priddy	Rob Costanzo
Vancouver, City of	Councillor Ellen Woodsworth	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Regan Schlecker, Managing Director		
Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator		
PREPARATION OF MEETING MINUTES:		
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 6:15 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 November 23, 2005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled November 23, 2005, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

2.1 October 26, 2005 Board Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held October 26, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 October 19, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Executive Committee held October 19, 2005 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

No delegation was received.

4. LMTAC REPORTS

4.1 2005 Annual Member Survey

LMTAC Report titled "2005 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results", dated October 31, 2005.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referenced the member survey results. She noted that since 2000, LMTAC had conducted surveys to determine what to incorporate into their workplan for the subsequent year. It was noted that the comments received through the 2005 survey process, were consistent with comments received in the 2004 process. She noted that the survey results were considered in the development of LMTAC's 2006 Workplan. An anticipated LMTAC briefing regarding the province's 'New Relationship' was acknowledged, and a request for monthly summaries that members could share with their respective Councils was referenced. Benefits of discussions between LMTAC and RAAC were recognized.

Chair Drew referenced staff representation on TSWG, and offered comments regarding the development of a servicing agreement model, to assist local government and further to a joint RAAC/LMTAC Governance workshop held on October 26, 2005. He added that the different perspectives brought by the participating municipalities were valuable.

4.2 Background Briefing Note – Support for the BC Treaty Process

LMTAC report titled "Support for the BC Treaty Process Background Briefing Note", dated November 2, 2005 and related attachments:

- *Chart titled "Report Flow Summary, Support for the BC Treaty Process Background Briefing Note";*
- *Chart titled "Compiled Responses from LMTAC Member Jurisdictions, Background Briefing Note: Support for the BC Treaty Process", dated November 1, 2005; and*
- *Document titled "Background Briefing Note to the New LMTAC First Principle #42: Support for the BC Treaty Process", dated November 2005.*

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that during the prior month, LMTAC had completed a review of LMTAC First Principles, and had also adopted four new principles. She added that the "Support for the BC Treaty Process Background Briefing Note", had been supported in principle, and that no further requests for additions to the document had been subsequently received. It was further noted that under the province's 'New Relationship' some non-treaty initiatives, could be addressed .

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the report titled "Support for the BC Treaty Process Background Briefing Note" and related attachments, and endorse the "Background Briefing Note to the New LMTAC First Principle #42: Support for the BC Treaty Process", as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Revised "Considerations" Paper

LMTAC report titled "Revised Considerations Paper – Follow Up to LMTAC's First Principle Review", dated November 1, 2005 and related attachments:

- *Chart titled "Addition of LMTAC's New First Principles"; and*
- *Document titled "CONSIDERATIONS: A Guide to Lower Mainland Area Local Government Interests in Treaty Negotiations", dated November 2005.*

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, acknowledged that the "Considerations Paper" had been revised to reflect LMTAC's new First Principles, in addition to a few housekeeping amendments. He added that each of the listed First Principles, now included references to related LMTAC documents, and that 'Intergovernmental Taxation' had been inserted as a local government concern.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board:

- a) receive for information the report titled "Revised Considerations Paper – Follow Up to LMTAC's First Principle Review"; and
- b) endorse the revised document titled "CONSIDERATIONS: A Guide to Lower Mainland Area Local Government Interests in Treaty Negotiations"; and request its distribution in January 2006 for information to LMTAC member jurisdictions, senior governments, Lower Mainland First Nations, the BCTC and UBCM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Action

It was requested that the letter to local government accompanying the document titled "CONSIDERATIONS: A Guide to Lower Mainland Area Local Government Interests in Treaty Negotiations", request that copies of the document be provided to each member of Council for information.

Chair Drew noted that LMTAC documents assisted in treaty-related discussions with government officials. He also recognized the need for exiting LMTAC members to assist in informing new members, regarding LMTAC activities. An orientation session scheduled February 1, 2006, in conjunction with the GVRD Board, was acknowledged.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, added that although the intent was to hold the orientation session in January 2006, it was scheduled in February 2006 to enable the participating regional districts to hold their respective Regional Board Orientation Sessions. She added that an email notification of the session would be forwarded to all LMTAC members, and that orientation binders would be sent out prior to the January 2006 LMTAC Board meeting.

5. TABLE PROGRESS REPORTS

a) Katzie

Newspaper announcement of the Katzie First Nation Treaty Negotiations Meeting Schedule (September 2005 to January 2006)

No additional items were presented.

b) Tsawwassen

No items were presented.

c) Musqueam

No items were presented.

- d) **Squamish**
No items were presented.
- e) **Tsleil-Waututh**
No items were presented.
- f) **Other**
No items were presented.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)**
No items were presented.

6:35 p.m.

Colin Richardson arrived at the meeting.

7. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Drew extended gratitude to members for their contributions, and acknowledged membership changes anticipated for the 2006 LMTAC term. The Chair acknowledged the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation's new mandate, and recognized challenges in understanding their new and apparently evolving strategy.

He announced that Deputy Minister Lorne Brownsey had agreed to attend the January 2006 LMTAC Board meeting to provide a briefing regarding the new strategy being pursued by the provincial government.

Chair Drew referenced the Executive Committee's September 30, 2005 meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, at which candid comments were conveyed, and concerns were expressed regarding the continued lack of provincial funding for LMTAC.

Additional meetings anticipated with Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation senior officials, focused on various treaty table issues, were referenced. It was noted that the 2006 LMTAC Workplan was ambitious and included the development of a servicing template to assist local government. He reminded the meeting that servicing embodied air quality, land use planning and many other critical issues.

He recognized the potential for a Final Agreement at the TFN Treaty Table within 2006, and the potential for an Agreement-in-Principle at the Katzie Treaty Table within two years. It was noted that treaty related issues and servicing requests/agreements had prompted the attention of the GVRD Board.

In concluding comments, Chair Drew noted that the Lower Mainland Roundtable, developed and proposed by LMTAC's TSWG in 2005, was being actively considered by the BCTC. Additional thanks were extended to members for their participation and support during 2005.

7.2 Staff Report

Manager's Report dated November 14, 2005 regarding "October 12 – November 14, 2005 Activities".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, acknowledged the Manager's Report provided, and referenced the summary of the UBCM June 29, 2005 meeting, which was included in the agenda package.

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- 8.1 **Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)**
No items were presented.

8.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

Letter from the Chair, UBCM, to "Participants of the Workshop on Regional District and First Nation Governments: Building Effective Relations", dated November 7, 2005; and attached Summary Report of the June 29, 2005 "Regional District and First Nation Governments: Building Effective Relations Workshop".

No other items were presented.

8.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

No items were reported.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No items were presented.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

The LMTAC Board receive for information the following items:

10.1 Correspondence:

- from the LMTAC Chair to the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, dated November 2, 2005;
- from the City of Port Coquitlam Mayor to the LMTAC Chair, regarding "Kwkwetlem First Nation", dated October 31, 2005;
- from the City of Port Coquitlam Mayor to the Acting Regional Director General, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, regarding "Landfill on Kwkwetlem First Nations Land", dated October 18, 2005;
- from the City of Port Coquitlam Mayor to the Information Commissioner for Canada, regarding "Access to Information Request – file A-2005-00083/DL", dated September 30, 2005; and
- from Minister Andy Scott to the GVRD Chair, regarding "First Nation Involvement in the Provision of Regional Services";
- from the LMTAC Chair to the Senior Negotiator, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, dated November 17, 2005 (on-table);
- from the LMTAC Chair to City of Port Coquitlam Mayor, dated November 18, 2005 (on-table); and
- from the LMTAC Chair to Ministers Tom Christensen and Andy Scott, dated November 18, 2005 (on-table);

10.2 Website Statistical Summary;

10.3 Honorarium and Expense Form; and

10.4 2005 Meeting Schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Drew noted that LMTAC was still awaiting a response by the Minister relative to former Minister Geoff Plant's recent appointment.

11. NEXT MEETING

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that a letter had been sent to Councils and Boards which included a preliminary meeting schedule for 2006. She added that the next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board was scheduled January 25, 2006.

12. **CONCLUSION**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held November 23, 2005 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 6:48 p.m.)