

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

January 25, 2006

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** scheduled Wednesday, January 25, 2006 from 5:30 to 8:15 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 Heather Schoemaker
Anmore, Village of	Councillor Ken Juvik	
Belcarra, Village of	Councillor Colin Richardson	
Bowen Island, Municipality of	Councillor Lisa Barrett	
Burnaby, City of	Councillor Sav Dhaliwal	Kimberley Flick
Delta, Corporation of		John Dumont (departed 7:30 p.m.)
Langley, City of	Councillor Ted Schaffer	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	Frank Clark-Jones
Lions Bay, Village of	Councillor Lisa Turpin	Lori Pilon (departed 8:00 p.m.)
Maple Ridge, District of	Councillor Ken Stewart	
New Westminster, City of	Councillor Bob Osterman	
North Vancouver, City of	Councillor Bob Heywood	Ken Tollstam
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	Dennis Back
Port Moody, City of		Kelly Kenney
Richmond, City of	Councillor Harold Steves	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Surrey, City of		Rob Costanzo
Vancouver, City of	Councillor George Chow	Rhys Williams (departed 7:35 p.m.)
West Vancouver, District of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	Rick Beauchamp
Whistler, Resort Municipality of	Councillor Ralph Forsyth	
White Rock, City of	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson	
LMTAC STAFF ATTENDANCE:		
Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator		
Regan Schlecker, Managing Director		
GUESTS:		
Bronwen Beedle, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (arrived 6:35 p.m. and departed 8:05 p.m.)		
Mike Furey, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (arrived 6:35 p.m. and departed 8:05 p.m.)		
Joanne Gauci, First Nation Relations Committee, UBCM		
Ken Kolba, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office		
Bruce Milne, Federal Treaty Negotiations Office		
Terry Raymond, Chair, First Nations Relations Committee, UBCM		
Glenn Ricketts, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (arrived 6:35 p.m. and departed 8:05 p.m.)		
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 5:43 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS / LMTAC OVERVIEW

1. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

LMTAC documents titled:

- a) "Voting Members List"; and
- b) "2006 Membership – Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC)".

Chair Drew welcomed attendees, and led the meeting in a roundtable of introductions.

2. Overview of LMTAC

LMTAC documents titled:

- a) "LMTAC Mission Statement, Roles and Project Screening Guidelines", updated May 28, 2003; and
- b) "Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Organizational Chart", updated August 2005.

Chair Drew provided a brief overview of the documents provided, noting that four of the five treaty tables in the Lower Mainland were currently active. He added that LMTAC was also involved in some First Nations related policy issues that were not directly related to treaties (i.e. "The New Relationship").

3. 2005 Year in Review

Document titled "Workplan 2005 – A Summary of Key LMTAC Milestones".

Chair Drew informed the meeting that all the priorities indicated in the "Workplan 2005" document, and some additional activities, had been accomplished.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, added that annual workplans were developed with the assistance of LMTAC Sub-Committees; were endorsed by the LMTAC Executive Committee and Board; and were intended to direct staff priorities. It was noted that the workplan included both specific and annual projects (i.e. the annual LMTAC Board Orientation Session).

Ms. Schlecker added that in late 2005, member municipalities were invited to provide suggestions for improvements to LMTAC. She further noted that the process prompted various responses, including a request for monthly LMTAC updates, which members could present to their respective Councils and communities.

Ms. Schlecker referenced the 2005 completion of the LMTAC First Principle review, which resulted in some revisions to the existing principles and the adoption of four new principles. Additionally, she noted that LMTAC was kept busy with treaty negotiation tables and with Tsawwassen's final agreement negotiations.

4. 2006 Workplan / Looking Ahead

Document titled "Workplan 2006 – A Summary of Key LMTAC Milestones".

Chair Drew acknowledged the working relationship the LMTAC Board had established with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, noting that provincial representatives would continue to attend LMTAC Board meetings on a regular basis.

He added that discussions regarding issues of importance to the region were anticipated in 2006, noting that the February 1, 2006 Orientation Session was an informative opportunity for members. Chair Drew acknowledged 'Intergovernmental Relations' as an important theme, noting that the GVRD was establishing an Aboriginal Relations Committee.

2006 ELECTIONS

5. Elections – Annual Election of LMTAC Representatives

LMTAC documents titled:

- a) *“Annual Election Procedures”, updated January 2006;*
- b) *“Information Sheet – LMTAC Executive Committee”;*
- c) *“Information Sheet – LMTAC Treaty Table Representative”, and related attachments:*
 - *“Musqueam First Nation Treaty Negotiations Update”;*
 - *“Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Negotiations Update”;*
 - *“Squamish First Nation Treaty Negotiations Update”;*
 - *“Tsleil-Waututh First Nation Treaty Negotiations Update”;* and
 - *“Katzie First Nation Treaty Negotiations Update”;*
- d) *“Information Sheet – LMTAC Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)”;*
- e) *“Finance and Administration Sub Committee Terms of Reference”, dated January 25, 2006;*
- f) *“Information Sheet – LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC (FVTAC)”;*
- g) *“Information Sheet – LMTAC Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)”;* and
- h) *“Technical and Strategic Working Group – Terms of Reference”.*

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director and Chief Election Officer, reviewed the Elections Procedures.

LMTAC Chair

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Chair.

Director Ralph Drew was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Director Ralph Drew was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Chair for a one-year term.

LMTAC Vice Chair and Finance and Administration Sub Committee (FASC) Chair

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Vice Chair and Finance and Administration Sub Committee (FASC) Chair.

Councillor Corinne Lonsdale was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Vice Chair and Finance and Administration Sub Committee (FASC) Chair for a one-year term.

LMTAC Musqueam Table Representative

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Musqueam Table Representative.

Councillor Jean Ferguson was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Jean Ferguson was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Musqueam Table Representative for a one-year term.

LMTAC Tsawwassen Table Representative

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Tsawwassen Table Representative.

Councillor Harold Steves was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Harold Steves was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Tsawwassen Table Representative for a one-year term.

LMTAC Squamish Table Representative

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Squamish Table Representative.

Councillor Corinne Lonsdale was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Squamish Table Representative for a one-year term.

LMTAC Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative.

Councillor Alan Nixon was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Alan Nixon was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative for a one-year term.

LMTAC Katzie Table Representative

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Katzie Table Representative.

Councillor Mel Kositsky was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Mel Kositsky was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Katzie Table Representative for a one-year term.

LMTAC Executive Committee – Two At Large Members

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the two at large positions on the LMTAC Executive Committee.

Councillor Lisa Barrett was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Councillor Mary Wade Anderson was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Lisa Barrett and Councillor Mary Wade Anderson were acclaimed to the two at large positions on the LMTAC Executive Committee for a one-year term.

LMTAC Executive Committee – Regional District Representatives

Ms. Schlecker announced the acclamation of Director John Turner, SLRD, Director Barry Janyk, SCRD, and Director Ralph Drew, GVRD, as Regional District Representatives to the LMTAC Executive Committee.

Finance and Administration Sub Committee (FASC) Vice Chair

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of Finance and Administration Sub-Committee Vice Chair.

Director John Turner was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Councillor Lisa Barrett was nominated, but declined the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Director John Turner was acclaimed to the position of Finance and Administration Sub Committee Vice Chair for a one-year term.

Finance and Administration Sub Committee (FASC) – Three At Large Members

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the three at large member positions on the LMTAC Finance and Administration Sub Committee.

Councillor Barbara Steel was nominated, and as she was absent from the meeting, had provided prior written consent to the nomination.

Councillor Bob Osterman was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Councillor Ted Schaffer was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Councillor Colin Richardson was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Councillor Lisa Turpin was nominated, but declined the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed.

An election was held by secret ballot, resulting in the election of Councillors Osterman, Schaffer, and Richardson, to the three at large member positions on the LMTAC Finance and Administration Sub Committee.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the ballots used in the election process for the three at large member positions on the LMTAC Finance and Administration Sub Committee be destroyed, and that the account sheet used in the election process for the three at large member positions on the LMTAC Finance and Administration Sub Committee be retained for viewing in the LMTAC office until February 28, 2006, at which time it would be destroyed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC

Ms. Schlecker called for nominations for the position of LMTAC Observer to the Fraser Valley TAC.

Councillor Mel Kositsky was nominated, and consented to the nomination.

Ms. Schlecker called a second and third time for nominations. Given that no further nominations were received, the call for nominations was closed, and Councillor Mel Kositsky was acclaimed to the position of LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC.

Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG) Appointments – General Call to Staff

Ms. Schlecker referenced the 2005 TSWG Participant List and welcomed additional volunteers to participate on LMTAC's Technical and Strategic Working Group.

Recess

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Delegates Arrive

Bronwen Beedle, Mike Furey and Glenn Ricketts, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 January 25, 2006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled January 25, 2006, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

2.1 November 23, 2005 Board

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held November 23, 2005, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 November 2, 2005 FASC

November 9, 2005 Executive Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee Meeting held November 2, 2005; and the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held November 9, 2005, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

3.1 Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation – *The New Relationship*

LMTAC Correspondence addressed to Deputy Minister, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, regarding "Advance Questions for Discussion with LMTAC Board", dated December 16, 2005, and accompanying document titled "The New Relationship".

Mike Furey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, referenced the Supreme Court of Canada's November 2004 decisions in the Haida and Taku River cases, concerning the province's obligation to consult. He noted that following the decisions, a process of meeting with First Nation leaders across the province had ensued. Mr. Furey added that representatives from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), and First Nations Summit (FNS), formed a Leadership Council to enable them to develop views. It was noted that the Council's discussions resulted in the development of a "Vision Statement" which defined their interests and recognized a commitment to work cooperatively.

He noted that "The New Relationship" was intended to define how First Nations and government did business in BC, and how First Nations could be involved in decisions that affected them, throughout the province. He added that cooperative understanding (relative to resource development and management) could create better opportunities for economic development. It was noted that principles of "The New Relationship" were based on respect for Aboriginal rights and title within BC; and on First Nation's historical contributions to the province's society. He recognized that celebrating diversity was a "key cornerstone of the relationship".

The need to bridge gaps between First Nations and other British Columbians, particularly relative to health and economic indicators, life expectancy, high school graduation rates, and employment rates was acknowledged. Mr. Furey added that "The New Relationship" involved the engagement of all provincial ministries, and had been embraced by all line agencies. The need for the federal government to address the socio-economic indicators of First Nations across BC, was referenced.

He added that the accord signed at the November 25, 2005 First Ministers' Meeting in Kelowna, BC, focused on substantial changes required in the areas of First Nations' health, housing, education and economic development. He noted that discussions with the new federal government regarding the accord, would promptly ensue.

Mr. Furey noted that the Treaty Negotiations Office was still responsible for treaty negotiations within the province, in addition to the leadership and coordination of "The New Relationship" across government. He added that individual agencies retained their responsibility to consult with First Nations.

The meeting was informed that the economic, social and cultural pillars of "The New Relationship" were interconnected, and needed to be addressed in a coordinated fashion. He noted that a Management Committee had been established (comprised of the Leadership Council, the Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and a representative from the Premier's office) which met monthly to address key issues (i.e. the mountain pine beetle epidemic), and had acted as a coordinating body between First Nations and government. The need to achieve success incrementally and with a broader scope was discussed.

Mr. Furey noted that "The New Relationship" enabled First Nations to become fuller participants in the economic development of the province. It was noted that many final agreement negotiations were progressing within the province, and agreements in principle were close with Yale First Nation and other First Nations. The need to work in collaboration with First Nations, relative to resource development and decision-making within the province, was acknowledged, noting that land use planning was a critical way of addressing and building cooperative relations with First Nations.

Economic opportunities related to First Nations tourism development, the 2010 Olympic games and the North American Indigenous Games, were acknowledged. Efforts relative to the primary sectors of forestry and fishing, were referenced. Mr. Furey acknowledged discussions held in 2005 relative to First Nation's response to the mountain pine beetle epidemic, and how to engage federal government for financial assistance.

The need to break down jurisdictional barriers between provincial and federal governments, relative to First Nations social issues was acknowledged. Jurisdictional challenges related to Status Indians residing on or off reserve were referenced. Discussions with Métis and urban Aboriginal people towards an urban strategy in Victoria, were also acknowledged.

It was noted that efforts were proceeding with First Nations organizations, towards a 'Walk for Reconciliation', to raise awareness of First Nations culture across the province. Mr. Furey reported that the Ministry of Finance had announced a \$100 million New Relationship Fund, intended to build First Nations capacity within First Nations communities for First Nations people. He noted that the fund would be directed towards capacity building, and would enable First Nations to take on more of a role with mining, biology, forestry, etc. and other resource areas. He added that funding would be directed by First Nations, as they could best determine where capacity was required.

It was noted that the Leadership Council was working towards creating a secretariat (staffed by policy people and other experts from First Nations communities) to provide support to government regarding a range of issues. Mr. Furey recognized the need to develop more cooperative arrangements in daily interactions with First Nations across the province.

Following the presentation, Chair Drew referenced processes occurring outside the treaty processes, and questioned how local government could be more involved in such initiatives (i.e. consultation and involvement). Chair Drew expressed concerns that local government had not been invited to participate in the development of a watershed management plan in the Indian River Valley. The need to support relationship building and collaboration, and to encourage achievement through inclusion, was discussed.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Furey noted that:

- various government organizations (i.e. Wildlife Management) had developed relationships with First Nations;
- "The New Relationship" did not intend to discourage any existing relationships between First Nations and local government;
- local government would continue to be consulted relative to situations where they would be impacted (i.e. the mountain pine beetle epidemic); and
- he would communicate with the Land Management Bureau regarding the plan developed in the Indian River Valley, and the engagement of the local community.

Glenn Ricketts, Chief Negotiator, added that the mountain pine beetle affected a huge area in BC, noting that coalitions had been established within the province in collaboration with First Nations, to enable the development of strategies to manage the epidemic.

During a continued discussion members noted that:

- many activities were occurring outside the treaty process relative to lands, which impacted local government's zoning;
- the province should consult with local governments prior to making any tentative agreements;
- various impacts of "The New Relationship" had been experienced within the SLRD during 2005 including: land transfers (i.e. 2,700 acres of land had been negotiated in land transfer agreements), resource allocation shifts (i.e. forestry), and forest and range agreement cuts;
- changes were occurring as a result of "The New Relationship", which were inconsistent with OCP's developed by local governments;
- local government and the province needed to improve communications and develop good working relationships;
- bi-lateral negotiations with First Nations already involved in the treaty process, could present challenges;
- local governments required provincial support;
- 'defining and building relationships' remained an objective of LMTAC;
- public education was required relative to the treaty process and "The New Relationship";
- a significant focus on urban the First Nation population was needed particularly relative to housing, safety and health; and
- an urban First Nation historical centre could be considered, and could support the need for negotiations.

In response to questions raised by members Mr. Furey noted that:

- there were areas in the province where discussions were proceeding with First Nations, which had resulted in some good working relationships;
- few land transactions had occurred within or outside the treaty negotiations process;
- local government could be involved directly in discussions with First Nations relative to land transactions;
- an advisor had been retained to assist in enabling relations between the province and others;
- the treaty process had been ongoing for 13 years, and had taken longer than originally anticipated;
- First Nations should be enabled to seize economic opportunities that are before them;
- "The New Relationship" was not intended as a deterrent for concluding treaties;
- many First Nations were building capacity and were able to manage their resources;
- he would ask about getting local government more involved in discussions with the Leadership Council, as there was a need for tri-partite dialogue; and
- government's discussions industry groups in the province, had identified issues and prompted the need for further discussions.

7:30 p.m.

John Dumont departed the meeting.

Mr. Furey further noted that:

- enabling a greater appreciation for First Nation's history and First Nation's role in our society was important;
- efforts had commenced with a communications firm regarding conveying the significance of First Nations within the province;
- 60% of First Nations citizens lived off reserve within Canada;
- the federal government had made commitments relative to health and social challenges faced by First Nations people;
- "The New Relationship" also addressed social elements;
- a forum could be held to discuss effective methods for improved communications; and
- contact information for the Ministry of Economic Development could be conveyed to LMTAC.

7:35 p.m.

Rhys Williams departed the meeting.

During a continued discussion, members noted that:

- the province should be encouraged to recognize local government's roles within the regional districts (i.e. LRSP, Land Resource Management Plans);
- tri-partite collaborative processes and financial support from the province were needed;
- the shift towards "The New Relationship" did not appear to support the treaty process;
- local governments had already provided significant funding to the treaty process;
- clarification regarding references indicated in the Action Plan, to 'government-to-government' and 'developing new institutions and structure' would be helpful;
- the suggestion of bringing the 'concept of collaborating with local government to Victoria' was concerning, as the flow of information should not exclude local government;
- treaty negotiations could be put on hold to enable "The New Relationship" to proceed; in the interim, trust could be established to enable the prompt future completion of treaties;
- a long term approach towards capacity building should be a key priority for First Nations;
- local governments required provincial financial support to assist in the treaty process;
- it was important to address property rights for First Nations people on reserve; and
- suggestions were encouraged relative to Fort Langley's celebration of BC's 150th anniversary.

In response to questions raised by members, Mr. Furey noted that:

- the treaty process remained a key objective towards developing comprehensive and cooperative relationships with First Nations;
- "The New Relationship" focused on a broad spectrum of social issues, that weren't fundamentally addressed by treaties;
- to enable social and economic changes, economic opportunities needed to be seized with First Nations, while proceeding with treaty processes;
- once First Nation communities realized economic opportunities, and became more self reliant, they would push towards treaties; and
- the reference to 'government-to-government' in the Action Plan related to how the provincial government engaged directly with First Nations;
- an institution had been developed to represent First Nations involved in a response to the mountain pine beetle epidemic;
- regional bodies involving First Nations would likely be developed, to enable the engagement of many First Nations;
- the \$100 million New Relationship funding was going to First Nations communities, not directly to consultants or lawyers;
- leasing arrangements were possible on First Nation land (i.e. in Westbank First Nation, certificates of possession enabled land to be leased); and
- discussions over the years had addressed how First Nations could hold land as a collective, and issue individual members rights to hold land within that area.

Bronwen Beedle, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, referenced the province's efforts with First Nations regarding the 'transfer of property' issue, and offered to report to LMTAC in this regard at a later date.

Chair Drew noted that Mr. Furey would be attending the LMTAC Orientation Session on February 1, 2006, which all members and the GVRD Board, had been invited to attend.

8:00 p.m.

Lori Pilon departed the meeting.

Mr. Furey agreed to bring back to the Deputy Minister the suggestion that local government representatives join the monthly Leadership Council dialogues, attended by provincial and First Nations representatives.

Delegates Depart

Bronwen Beedle, Mike Furey and Glenn Ricketts, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

4. REPORTS

4.1 UBCM Study – Fiscal Impacts on Local Government from Treaties

LMTAC Report titled “UBCM Joint Study – Treaty Settlement Land: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Governments”, dated January 16, 2006” and related attachments:

- a) *UBCM Memorandum regarding “New Report – Treaty Settlement Land: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Governments”; and*
- b) *Study prepared for UBCM titled “Treaty Settlement Land: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Government”, dated October 24, 2005.*

Chair Drew referenced the UBCM Joint Study, noting that some local governments had already submitted responses directly to UBCM. Terry Raymond, UBCM, welcomed submissions regarding the study, prior to the end of February. Members were informed that comments could be submitted to LMTAC by February 15, 2006 for consolidation in a LMTAC response, or could be submitted directly to UBCM (with a copy provided to LMTAC for information).

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that LMTAC had considered the fiscal impacts of treaty settlement lands on local government, and had contemplated a compensation formula for local governments. Significant challenges in determining such a formula were acknowledged, particularly relative to future tax losses. It was noted that a consultant had been retained by UBCM to further address this issue. Ms. Schlecker reviewed four questions presented by UBCM for consideration, and the approaches developed by the consultant for addressing local government’s concerns regarding potentially negative fiscal impacts.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board:

- a) receive for information the:
 - LMTAC report titled “UBCM Joint Study – Treaty Settlement Land: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Governments”; and
 - UBCM memorandum regarding “New Report – Treaty Settlement Land: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Governments”;
- b) review the study prepared for UBCM titled “Treaty Settlement Land: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Government”, dated October 24, 2005.
- c) consider preliminary staff comments provided in Section 3.3 of the LMTAC report; and
- d) direct staff to submit LMTAC comments to UBCM in advance of the deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Development of a First Nation Comprehensive Community Planning Strategy

LMTAC Report regarding “Development of a First Nation Comprehensive Community Planning Strategy”, dated December 5, 2005.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, led the meeting in a brief review of the report, noting that in September 2004 several First Nations participated in a Comprehensive Community Planning Pilot Project. He added that after six months of community planning, Indian

and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and participating First Nations subsequently reconvened to discuss lessons learned and to share best practices. Mr. Kirsop acknowledged themes that emerged in those discussions, which were indicated in the report.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board:

- a) receive for information the LMTAC report regarding "Development of a First Nation Comprehensive Community Planning Strategy"; and
- b) direct staff to monitor the development of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's regional approach and national strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. TABLE PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Katzie**
No items presented.
- b) **Musqueam**
No items presented.
- c) **Squamish**
No items presented.
- d) **Tsawwassen**
No items presented.
- e) **Tsleil-Waututh**
No items presented.
- f) **Other**
No items presented.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

LMTAC report regarding "Revisions to LMTAC Operating Procedures", dated December 5, 2005.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that the recent FASC meeting focused on topics including revisions to LMTAC's Operating Procedures. She referenced the previously discussed increase in honorariums to be consistent with GVRD rates, noting that revisions to Section 11.1 of the Operating Procedures, were highlighted in the distributed document.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board:

- a) endorse revisions to Section 7.3 d) to indicate that in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Committee may elect and interim chair from its memberships present;
- b) endorse revisions to Section 7.3 e) to indicate that in the absence of the Subcommittee Chair, present subcommittee members may appoint an acting Chair for that meeting; and
- c) receive for information updated wording in Section 11.1 regarding honorarium payments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

No items presented.

7.2 Staff Report

Managing Director Report dated January 18, 2006 regarding "November 14, 2005 – January 18, 2006 Activities".

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, welcomed comments regarding the Managing Director Report, and reminded members of the February 1, 2006 Orientation Session.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the Managing Director Report regarding "November 14, 2005 – January 18, 2006 Activities".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

No items presented.

8.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

UBCM report regarding "First Nations Relations Update" dated December 6, 2005.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, noted that the "First Nations Relations Update" included a registration form for the March 10, 2006 Community to Community Forum.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the UBCM report regarding "First Nations Relations Update".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

A member referenced the FCM's 2006 Sustainable Communities National Conference and Trade Show, scheduled February 2-4, 2006 in Ottawa, Ontario.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Next Meeting Dates

Chair Drew advised that the next LMTAC Board Meeting was scheduled February 22, 2006.

10. INFORMATION

The LMTAC Board received for information the following items:

- 10.1 Correspondence;
- 10.2 2006 Orientation Session;
- 10.3 Premier Campbell's Remarks at First Ministers' Meeting;
- 10.4 Web Site Statistical Summary;
- 10.5 Honorarium and Expense Form; and
- 10.6 2006 Meeting Schedule.

11. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held January 25, 2006 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 8:27 p.m.)