

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

October 24, 2007

Minutes of the **Regular Meeting of the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC) Board** scheduled 5:30 p.m. – 7:25 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, in the 2nd Floor Boardroom, 4330 Kingsway Burnaby, B.C.

ATTENDANCE:		
JURISDICTION:	ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:	STAFF REPRESENTATIVES TO LMTAC:
Greater Vancouver RD	Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair)	
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	David Clutton
Delta, Corporation of		Mike Brotherston
Langley, City of	Councillor Ted Schaffer	
Langley, Township of	Councillor Mel Kositsky	
Lions Bay, Village of	Councillor Lisa Turpin	
Maple Ridge, District of	Councillor Ken Stewart	
New Westminster, City of	Councillor Bob Osterman	
North Vancouver, District of	Councillor Alan Nixon	
Port Coquitlam, City of	Councillor Darrell Penner	
Port Moody, City of	Councillor Shannon Watkins	
Squamish Lillooet RD	Director John Turner	
Squamish, District of	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale	
Surrey, City of	Councillor Barbara Steele	Rob Costanzo
Vancouver, City of	Councillor George Chow	
West Vancouver, City of	Councillor Jean Ferguson	
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	
PREPARATION OF 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 5:33 p.m.

1. AGENDA FOR ADOPTION

1.1 October 24, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board scheduled October 24, 2007, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MINUTES FOR ADOPTION / INFORMATION

2.1 July 25, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held July 25, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Executive Committee, August 15, 2007

2.3 Executive Committee, September 18, 2007

2.4 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee, July 4, 2007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the LMTAC Executive Committee held August 15, 2007 and September 18, 2007; and the Regular Meeting of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC) held July 4, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

No delegations were received.

4. LMTAC REPORTS

4.1 2008 Workplan – Final Draft

LMTAC report titled “2008 – Workplan – Final Draft”, dated October 2, 2007, and attached LMTAC document titled “Workplan 2008”.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that since 2000 the LMTAC Board had endorsed a workplan for the next year. She referred to the draft “Workplan 2008”, and acknowledged its development through a variety of sources including FASC and TSWG. She referenced some specific policy items which had been included in the workplan, and noted that the “Lessons Learned and Best Practices” report on LMTAC’s experience during Tsawwassen negotiations resulted in some future actions, which had also been included in the workplan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse the 2008 Workplan, with the inclusion of a reference to participation at UBCM under Standing Activities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 2007 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results

LMTAC report titled “2007 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results”, dated October 2, 2007, and attached LMTAC document titled “Results: 2007 LMTAC Member Survey”.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, advised that the LMTAC Annual Member Survey had been circulated via electronic mail to LMTAC Board members. A lower response rate than in prior years was acknowledged. He added that members indicated satisfaction in their responses, to a number of elements. Many members suggested electronic distribution of materials be considered whenever possible. It was further suggested that at least one board workshop be held annually.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the report titled “2007 LMTAC Annual Member Survey Results”, dated October 2, 2007, and attached LMTAC document titled “Results: 2007 LMTAC Member Survey”. “.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STANDING REPORTS

5.1a) Katzie

No items were presented

5.1b) Musqueam

No items were presented.

5.1c) Squamish

No items were presented.

5.1d) Tsawwassen

News Release from the Office of the Premier and Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, regarding "Landmark Tsawwassen Treaty Legislation Introduced", dated October 15, 2007; and attached items:

- a) BC Backgrounder regarding "Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Settlement Legislation", dated October 15, 2007;*
- b) INAC News Release regarding "Introduction of Provincial Legislation to Enable Ratification of the Tsawwassen Final Agreement", dated October 15, 2007;*
- c) INAC Backgrounder regarding "Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement", dated October 15, 2007; and*
- d) Speaking notes for comments delivered by the Honourable Chuck Strahl, PC, MP Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, on October 15, 2007.*

It was noted that Chair Drew, Vice Chair Lonsdale and the LMTAC Managing Director, attended the opening of the fall legislative session on October 15, 2007 for the Introduction of the Tsawwassen settlement legislation. Chair Drew acknowledged receptions, presentations and speeches offered during the first part of the day. The later portion of the day included an address by Chief Baird, which was well attended by a number of visitors (an electronic copy of Chief Baird's speech was available). Barring a federal election, it was suggested that the Tsawwassen Treaty Legislation would be tabled sometime early in 2008. Chair Drew added that a number of protestors raised concerns outside the legislature, and argued that the Tsawwassen treaty infringed on their treaty rights.

5.1e) Tseil-Waututh

Councillor Nixon, LMTAC Representative to the Tseil-Waututh Table, reported that the working group had met twice during the past week. He added that Tseil-Waututh requested at the October 23, 2007 session, that chapter work be 'parked' for now and that chapter analysis be postponed until an informal land and cash settlement from BC and Canada had been received (anticipated by early 2008). He added that the table was meeting in November; however December 2007 meetings would likely be cancelled; and that the January 2008 meetings would likely be held in Victoria regarding the informal offer.

5.1f) Other – Theidli T'enneh Communications Probe

Document titled "Lheidli T'enneh Communications Probe".

Chair Drew acknowledged information provided in the "Lheidli T'enneh Communications Probe" relative to leadership's ineffective communication processes and approaches, which may have contributed to the defeat of their referendum. The meeting acknowledged a suggestion in the document that the First Nation lacked sufficient administrative capacity, and wasn't prepared for a treaty. It was suggested that treaties be designed to occur incrementally, to enable various aspects of the treaty to be implemented as capacity became available.

It was noted that the Maa-Nulth First Nation's Final Agreement had gained a significant number of positive votes during the ratification vote held October 18-21, and would likely proceed to the legislature within the coming few weeks. Chair Drew added that support from government and the opposition was anticipated.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance & Administrative Sub-Committee (FASC)

6.1a) Draft 2008 Budget

LMTAC Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget for the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

Councillor Lonsdale, Chair, Finance and Administrative Sub-Committee, acknowledged that LMTAC received a \$40,000 cheque from Minister de Jong at the UBCM conference, with a promise for at least the same amount, in the coming year. She further recognized the organization's healthy financial situation.

Chair Drew referenced the importance of predicable funding from the provincial government.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT further to the Finance and Administrative Sub-committee recommendation of October 3, 2007, the LMTAC Board endorse the draft 2008 Budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

No items were presented.

7.2 Staff Report

LMTAC Managing Director Report: Activities from September 11, 2007 – October 16, 2007.

Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, referred the meeting to the LMTAC Managing Director Report. During a brief review of its contents, she acknowledged LMTAC's presentation to the Metro Vancouver Finance Committee on October 18, 2007, and to the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee on November 9, 2007. Additionally, she announced meetings scheduled in November 2007 with the Squamish Lillooet Regional District and Sunshine Coast Regional District.

She further reported that the provincial Attorney General's office would be invited to attend the November 2007 LMTAC Board Meeting to present on the duty to consult and how court cases impacted government. Further, an invitation would be extended to Chief Baird to attend a future LMTAC Board meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the "LMTAC Managing Director Report: Activities from September 11, 2007 – October 16, 2007" and the verbal update provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

8.1 Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

It was noted that the next Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee Meeting was scheduled November 9, 2007.

8.2 Fraser Valley Treaty Advisory Committee (FVTAC)

On-table invitation to attend a Regional Community to Community Forum sponsored by the Sto:lo Tribal Council and the Fraser Valley Regional District, on November 8, 2007.

Councillor Kositsky referred to the invitation to attend the November 8, 2007 Community to Community Forum hosted by Stolo Nation and the FVRD, and welcomed interested LMTAC members to contact LMTAC staff to arrange their attendance.

8.3 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)

No items were presented.

8.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

8.4a) Final Draft Report: Improving the Municipal-Aboriginal Urban Interface

LMTAC report regarding "Draft Report Prepared for FCM: Improving the Municipal-Aboriginal Urban Interface", dated October 4, 2007, and attached University of Saskatchewan report titled "Improving the Municipal-Aboriginal Urban Interface", dated August 2007.

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, referred the meeting to the information provided in the agenda package. He added that the attached report generally dealt with national aspects of the following key issues: citizen participation and engagement; aboriginal culture as a municipal asset; governance interface (municipal and Aboriginal); economic and social development; and urban reserves, service agreements and regional relationships.

He acknowledged that a member had tabled the report at the September 18, 2007 Executive Committee meeting, which was further reviewed by TSWG. LMTAC Board members were encouraged to review the report, and to submit comments to LMTAC prior to November 15, 2007.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board endorse the following October 11, 2007 resolution of the Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG): THAT the LMTAC Board:

- a) receive for information the LMTAC report regarding "Draft Report Prepared for FCM: Improving the Municipal-Aboriginal Urban Interface";
- b) receive and review the report titled "Improving the Municipal-Aboriginal Urban Interface"; and
- c) consider some next steps, including the following steps recommended by TSWG:

Further to FCM's request to receive comments by November 15, 2007, correspondence be sent to FCM:

- advising of possible opportunities to partner with LMTAC as part of its 2008 Workplan Item #8: "Host special workshop on key urban aboriginal issues";
- referencing LMTAC's publication: "Building Relations with First Nations: A Handbook for Local Government"; and
- with an attached copy of LMTAC's discussion paper "Local Government and Urban Aboriginal Issues: Backgrounder to First Principle #32".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Summary of Results – Monthly Board Feedback Form (July 25, 2007)

Mark Kirsop, Research and Communications Coordinator, acknowledged some positive feedback received, generally related to the TFN ratification vote and extending an invite for Chief Baird to attend a future Board meeting to celebrate the treaty. He welcomed members to submit their completed feedback forms before leaving the meeting.

9.2 Sea-to-Sky Highway Signage

A discussion ensued regarding recently released Sea-to-Sky Highway documentation which apparently indicated that the Coast Salish name would be added to all Olympic community signs situated along the highway.

During the discussion the following comments were offered:

- the Sea-to-Sky Highway is almost entirely in Squamish territory;
- the Coast Salish names are not direct translations for the existing community names;
- indicating two community names may create some confusion for visitors;
- discussions have ensued and the First Nations agreed that the sites should be recognized in Coast Salish on the highway signage;

- in addition to the names being in the Coast Salish, there will be information kiosks along the highway; this was announced at more than one public meeting;
- efforts are being made to translate the community names to Coast Salish traditional names;
- during discussions with the Squamish First Nation, Squamish Council determined that new signs in Squamish will include (less predominantly) the Coast Salish translation; and
- some signs along the highway will be designed in the shape of paddles.

A member informed the meeting that a radio program was being hosted in a Coast Salish language on 102.7 FM Vancouver Coop Radio. Another member acknowledged his understanding that there were approximately 60 First Nations languages in BC, of which 50% were close to extinction.

10. INFORMATION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the LMTAC Board receive for information the following items:

- 10.1 Correspondence items from:
- a) Cathy Watson, Director, Local Government – First Nations Relations Program, Local Government Department, Ministry of Community Services, dated September 11, 2007, and related attachment labeled “Confidential”;
 - b) Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, dated September 13, 2007;
 - c) Gordy Robson, Mayor, District of Maple Ridge, dated September 13, 2007;
 - d) Shannon Story, Manager of Legislative Services, Resort Municipality of Whistler, dated September 13, 2007;
 - e) Lois Jackson, Mayor, Corporation of Delta, dated September 17, 2007;
 - f) Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, dated September 19, 2007;
 - g) Chuck Puchmayr, MLA, New Westminster, dated September 19, 2007;
 - h) Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, received September 27, 2007; and
 - i) LMTAC Chair Drew to Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, dated October 15, 2007;
- 10.2 2007 LMTAC Meeting Schedule; and
- 10.3 Honorarium and Expense/Feedback Form.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A member referenced UBCM’s request for feedback regarding what to do with their \$300,000 grant, and questioned how LMTAC intended to solicit comments. Regan Schlecker, Managing Director, reported that a request for comments had been distributed to Executive Committee Members, which would be further extended to the full Board.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board was scheduled for November 28, 2007.

12. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regular Meeting of the LMTAC Board held October 24, 2007 be concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 6:15 p.m.)