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Lower Mainland area Local Governments elect representatives for treaty negotiations

Burnaby, B.C. ... On Wednesday, January 29, 2003, local government representatives to the **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC)** – the body that coordinates and represents the interests of Lower Mainland area local governments in the BC Treaty Process – acclaimed **Mayor Ralph Drew** as **LMTAC Chair**. For the previous two years, **Mayor Drew** was LMTAC Vice-Chair. **Mayor Don Bell** stepped down as LMTAC Chair after three consecutive years and was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of LMTAC. Mayor Drew is the Greater Vancouver Regional District's representative to the committee and Mayor Bell represents the District of North Vancouver on LMTAC.

“Governance issues are a key discussion topic for the most active of treaty tables in the Lower Mainland. Both Tsawwassen and Katzie treaty tables are beginning to focus more on these issues, and as a result, the role of local governments in general, and LMTAC specifically, will become increasingly important in the coming months” says Chair Drew.

In his role, Mayor Drew assumes the role of Chair to the largest of the 17 local government treaty advisory groups (TACs) in the Province. LMTAC members consist of twenty-three individual municipal and three regional district jurisdictions (Greater Vancouver, Squamish Lillooet and Sunshine Coast) covering the geographic area from Whistler to Langley and Maple Ridge. LMTAC has worked as a member of the Provincial treaty negotiating team and continues to provide advice and guidance from a local perspective to five Lower Mainland area treaty tables: Tsawwassen, Tsleil-Waututh (Burrard), Katzie, Squamish and Musqueam.

Mayor Drew clarified LMTAC's mission statement is as follows: LMTAC coordinates and represents the collective interests of local government, and through them their constituents, in defining and building relationships between First Nations and other orders of government.

All public documents are available from LMTAC's web site.

For further information on LMTAC and its activities, please contact Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Manager, at (604) 451-6160 or visit us at www.lmtac.bc.ca.

2003 LMTAC Elected Positions

Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)
Vice Chair	Mayor Don Bell (District of North Vancouver) Musqueam
Table Representative	Councillor Harold Steves (City of Richmond)
Tsawwassen Table Representative	Councillor Robert Campbell (Corporation of Delta)
Squamish Table Representative	Councillor Corrine Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative	Mayor Don Bell (District of North Vancouver)
Katzie Table Representative	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
At Large Members	Councillor Louella Hollington (City of Coquitlam)
	Councillor Lee Rankin (City of Burnaby)
Regional District Representatives:	
Greater Vancouver	Mayor Ralph Drew (Belcarra)
Squamish Lillooet	Director John Turner (Electoral Area D)
Sunshine Coast	Mayor Barry Janyk (Town of Gibsons)

Finance and Organizational Subcommittee (FOSC)

Chair	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
Vice Chair	Councillor Lee Rankin (City of Burnaby)
At Large Member	Councillor Louella Hollington (City of Coquitlam)
At Large Member	Mayor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island Municipality)

Communications Subcommittee (CSC)

Chair	Councillor Louella Hollington (City of Coquitlam)
Vice Chair	Councillor Lee Rankin (City of Burnaby)
At Large Members	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson (City of White Rock)
	Mayor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island Municipality)
	Councillor Corrine Lonsdale (District of Squamish)

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Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)