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Lower Mainland Local Governments Elected For Treaty Negotiations – Focus on Tsawwassen

Burnaby, B.C. ... On Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 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 second year in a row. **Councillor Candace Gordon**, was acclaimed as LMTAC Vice-Chair, and continues her role as representative to the Katzie treaty negotiations. Mayor Drew is the Greater Vancouver Regional District's representative to the committee and Councillor Gordon represents the District of Maple Ridge on LMTAC.

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-two individual municipal and three regional district jurisdictions (Greater Vancouver, Squamish Lillooet and Sunshine Coast) covering the geographic area from Whistler to Richmond and Maple Ridge.

“It has been essential for LMTAC to be a part of the discussions at the Tsawwassen treaty table to ensure that issues important to Lower Mainland residents and municipal governments are raised and understood by the First Nations, federal and provincial governments. While senior governments have previously stated that agreements reached on issues at this AIP will not be used as templates for other Lower Mainland treaty tables, there is no doubt these decisions and agreements will have implications for those other tables in the future,” Drew said.

In recognition of the work ahead leading to a Final Agreement, Chair Drew offered: “LMTAC looks forward to continued involvement as part of the provincial negotiating team and being part of the creation of a successful final treaty for Tsawwassen and area communities.”

LMTAC works 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, Katzie, Squamish and Musqueam.

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.

LMTAC coordinates and represents the interests of Local Governments, and through them their constituents, in defining and building relationships between First Nations and other orders of government.

2004 LMTAC Elected Positions

Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)
Vice Chair	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
Katzie Table Representative	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
Musqueam Table Representative	Councillor Harold Steves (City of Richmond)
Squamish Table Representative	Councillor Corrine Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Tsawwassen Table Representative	Councillor Harold Steves (City of Richmond)
Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative	Councillor Jean Ferguson (West Vancouver)
At Large Members	Mayor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island Municipality) Councillor Lee Rankin (City of Burnaby)
Regional District Representatives:	
Greater Vancouver	Director Ralph Drew (Belcarra)
Squamish Lillooet	Director John Turner (Electoral Area D)
Sunshine Coast	Director Barry Janyk (Town of Gibsons)

Finance and Administrative Subcommittee (FASC)

Chair	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
Vice Chair	Director John Turner (Squamish Lillooet RD)
At Large Member	Councillor Corrine Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
At Large Member	Councillor Mary Wade Anderson (City of White Rock)
At Large Member	Councillor Lee Rankin (City of Burnaby)

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Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)