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## Lower Mainland Area Local Governments Elect Representatives For Treaty Negotiations

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**Burnaby, BC ...** On Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 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 fifth consecutive year. **Councillor Corinne Lonsdale**, a member of LMTAC since its inception in 1994, was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of LMTAC for a second year and continues in her role as representative to the Squamish treaty table. Mayor Drew is the *Greater Vancouver Regional District's* representative to the committee and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale represents the District of Squamish on LMTAC.

In his role as Chair, Mayor Drew leads the largest of the 17 local government *Treaty Advisory Groups (TACs)* in the Province, representing over half of the provincial population. LMTAC members consist of 23 individual municipal and three regional district jurisdictions (Greater Vancouver, Squamish Lillooet and Sunshine Coast) covering the geographic area from Pemberton and Whistler to Langley and Maple Ridge.

“The *Intergovernmental Relations and Services Chapter* is just one aspect of the initialled Tsawwassen Final Agreement that highlights the positive contribution local government can make in the resolution of treaty settlements. LMTAC looks forward to continued participation as a full member of the provincial negotiating team, as the Tsawwassen Final Agreement moves through ratification and implementation, and as other Lower Mainland treaty tables progress towards completion of Agreements-in-Principle.” Chair Drew commented.

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 Regan Schlecker, LMTAC Managing Director, at (604) 451-6198 or visit us at [www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca).**

## 2007 LMTAC Elected Positions

### Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)
Vice Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Musqueam Table Representative	Councillor Jean Ferguson (City of West Vancouver)
Tsawwassen Table Representative	Councillor Linda Barnes (City of Richmond)
Squamish Table Representative	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative	Councillor Alan Nixon (District of North Vancouver)
Katzie Table Representative	Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)
At Large Members	Councillor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island Municipality)
	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson (City of White Rock)

### 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 (FASC)

Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Vice Chair	Director John Turner (Electoral Area D, SLRD)
At Large Member	Councillor Colin Richardson (Village of Belcarra)
At Large Member	Councillor Bob Osterman (City of New Westminster)
At Large Member	Councillor Ted Schaffer (City of Langley)
Ex-Officio Member (LMTAC Chair)	Mayor Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)

### LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC

Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)