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## Lower Mainland area Local Governments elect representatives for treaty negotiations

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**Burnaby, B.C. ...** On Wednesday, January 23, 2002, 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 – re-elected both **Mayor Don Bell** as **LMTAC Chair** for the third year in a row and **Director Ralph Drew** as **LMTAC Vice-Chair** for the second year in a row. Mayor Bell represents the District of North Vancouver on LMTAC and Mayor Drew is the Greater Vancouver Regional District's representative to the committee.

In his continuing role, Mayor Bell 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 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.

Bell noted several highlights from LMTAC's work last year. One key activity included the first-ever Lower Mainland Governance Symposium, in which approximately 70 representatives from First Nation, local, provincial and federal governments gathered to discuss governance issues of common concern. Another key LMTAC project was to adopt a new mission statement that more clearly reflects the broader range of roles, both treaty and non-treaty, undertaken by the committee on behalf of its members.

Mayor Bell clarified that LMTAC's new 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.

The Provincial Government advised January 17, 2002 that provincial funding for Treaty Advisory Committees (TACs) throughout BC would be eliminated as of April 1, 2002. Bell said, "The provincial government's funding cuts and related statements in the media by the Minister have raised questions about how public consultation with the public and local governments will occur in future. This makes the role of Local Governments in general, and LMTAC specifically for the Lower Mainland area, increasingly important for treaty negotiations and Aboriginal issues in the coming months."

**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](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca).**

## 2002 LMTAC Elected Positions

### Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Don Bell (District of North Vancouver)
Vice Chair	Director Ralph Drew (Greater Vancouver RD)
Musqueam Table Representative	Councillor Harold Steves (City of Richmond)
Tsawwassen Table Representative	Councillor Vicki Huntington (Corporation of Delta)
Squamish Table Representative	Mayor 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 (2)	Councillor Louella Hollington (City of Coquitlam)
	Councillor Peter Stevenson (Village of Lions Bay)
Regional District Representatives:	
Greater Vancouver	Mayor Ralph Drew (Belcarra)
Squamish-Lillooet	Director Pam Tattersfield (Electoral Area D)
Sunshine Coast	Director Lee Turnbull (Area F – West Howe Sound)

### Finance and Organizational Subcommittee (FOSC)

Chair	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
Vice Chair	Councillor Peter Stevenson (Village of Lions Bay)
At Large Member	Councillor Vicki Huntington (Corporation of Delta)

### Communications Subcommittee (CSC)

Chair	Councillor Louella Hollington (City of Coquitlam)
Vice Chair	Councillor Peter Stevenson (Village of Lions Bay)At
Large Members	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson (City of White Rock)
	Councillor Bob Long (Township of Langley)

### LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC

Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Manager	Regan Schlecker, LMTAC Aboriginal Affairs Analyst
Marino Piombini (Greater Vancouver RD)	Rob Costanzo (City of Surrey)
Claudia Choroszewski (Corporation of Delta)	Steve Hardy (District of North Vancouver)
Ron Riach (District of Maple Ridge)	Jim Maitland (City of Port Coquitlam)
Rick Beauchamp (District of West Vancouver)	Robin Hicks (City of Coquitlam)
Frank Clark-Jones (Township of Langley)	