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Lower Mainland area Local Governments elect representatives for treaty negotiations

Burnaby, B.C. ... On Wednesday, January 24, 2000, Local Government representatives to the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee – the body that coordinates and represents the interests of Lower Mainland area Local Governments in the BC Treaty Process – re-elected Mayor Don Bell as **LMTAC Chair** and elected **Director Ralph Drew** as **LMTAC Vice-Chair**. Mayor Bell represents the District of North Vancouver on LMTAC and Mayor Drew is the GVRD's representative to the committee.

“With the current status of BC treaty negotiations and the possibilities for Provincial Government policy change following the expected provincial election, the role of Local Governments in general, and LMTAC specifically, will become increasingly important in the coming months” says Chair Bell. In his continuing role, Mayor Bell assumes the role of Chair to the largest Local Government treaty advisory group in the Province. LMTAC members consist of twenty-six individual municipal and regional district jurisdictions covering the geographic area from Whistler to Langley and Maple Ridge. LMTAC is a full member of the Provincial treaty negotiating team and currently provides 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. Two key activities included the first-ever Lower Mainland Community-to-Community Forum, in which approximately 50 First Nation and local community leaders gathered to discuss issues of common concern, and the integration of LMTAC's key policy interests and 39 First Principles into one comprehensive document, the *Considerations Paper*. All public documents are available from LMTAC's web site www.lmtac.bc.ca.

For further information on LMTAC and its activities, please contact David Didluck, LMTAC Executive Director, at (604) 451-6179 or visit us at www.lmtac.bc.ca.

“LMTAC works to coordinate and represent the interests of Local Governments and their constituents in Lower Mainland area treaty negotiations.”

2001 LMTAC Elected Positions

Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Don Bell (District of North Vancouver)
Vice Chair	Director Ralph Drew (GVRD)
Musqueam Table Representative	Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt (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 Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)
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 (FOOSC)

Chair	Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)
Vice Chair	Councillor Peter Stevenson (Village of Lions Bay)
At Large Members (2)	Councillor Meghan Lahti, City of Port Moody
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Communications Subcommittee (CSC)

Chair	Mayor Hal Weinberg (Village of Anmore)
Vice Chair	Councillor Louella Hollington (City of Coquitlam)
At Large Members (4)	Councillor Meghan Lahti, City of Port Moody
	Councillor Peter Stevenson (Village of Lions Bay)
	Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson (City of White Rock)
	Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)

LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC

Councillor Candace Gordon (District of Maple Ridge)

Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

David Didluck, LMTAC Executive Director	Kirstie Pirie, LMTAC Communications Coordinator
Rob Costanzo (City of Surrey)	David Ellenwood (Corporation of Delta)
Cameron Thorn (District of North Vancouver)	Marino Piombini (GVRD)
Ron Riach (District of Maple Ridge)	Frank Clark-Jones (Township of Langley)
Rick Beauchamp (Squamish-Lillooet RD)	Tamara Little (Fraser Valley TAC)