

Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent
LMTAC Activities

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Upcoming Public LMTAC Board Meetings:

September 22, 2010

November 24, 2010

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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.

HIGHLIGHTS

LMTAC Discussion Paper on Additions-to-Reserve

On July 14, 2010, the LMTAC Executive Committee considered and recommended the draft discussion paper *Local Government Issues and Interests on the Federal Additions-to-Reserve (ATR) Process* be circulated to the full LMTAC membership for comment. The discussion paper coincides with a nation-wide evaluation of the ATR process by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), the recent involvement of Lower Mainland local governments with ATR applications, and the emergence of federal legislation intended to facilitate on-reserve development, which may lead to increased ATR applications.

The paper identifies local government issues and interests related to the ATR process, and provides recommendations to enhance consultation with local government throughout the process.

INAC is scheduled to present on the federal ATR policy at the September 22, 2010, LMTAC Board meeting; at which time the Board will also consider endorsing the draft paper. Subsequently, LMTAC member jurisdictions are encouraged to review and provide comment on the draft no later than September 22, 2010.

Tsawwassen First Nation Develops Industrial Lands

In recognition of National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2010, the *Tsawwassen First Nation* launched construction of the *Tsawwassen Gateway Logistics Centre*. The Governments of Canada and British Columbia partnered with *Tsawwassen* under Canada's *Economic Action Plan* to build the industrial park, which capitalizes on the strategic location of the *Tsawwassen Treaty Settlement Land*. *Tsawwassen* was the only Treaty First Nation in Canada to receive economic stimulus funding.

Sliammon Final Agreement

Negotiators from Canada, British Columbia and the Sliammon First Nation reached an understanding on a Final Agreement on June 9, 2010. If ratified, the Final Agreement will provide 8,322 hectares of Treaty Settlement Land, close to \$30 million in cash, and additional economic development funds. Next steps include initialling of the agreement by all Parties, followed by ratification by the First Nation, and the governments of BC and Canada.

The Sliammon First Nation has 978 members and is located in the Powell River area.

LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 23, 2010

At the June LMTAC Board meeting, Ms. Anita Boscarion, Director General of Treaty and Aboriginal Governance negotiations in the INAC West region, and other senior federal government staff representatives, briefed members on recent changes to Canada's approach to treaty negotiations in British Columbia.

Members also endorsed and released an updated *LMTAC Lessons Learned and Best Practices* guide, regarding Tsawwassen treaty negotiations, that was revised to include the experience of local government during the implementation stage of the treaty.

Additional Board meeting highlights include member endorsement of the draft LMTAC 2011 Budget, and receipt of the 2010 Workplan status update.

NEGOTIATION UPDATES

Katzie Table (Stage 4)

The Katzie Main Table Working Group (MTWG) met May 19th and 20th, and June 9th and 10th to discuss draft Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) chapters related to: *Land, Governance, Eligibility and Enrolment, Parks, Migratory Birds and General Provisions*. Parties met July 27th to discuss table progress, the draft AIP *Governance* chapter, and to receive and update on Canada's *Fish* mandate.

The next MTWG meetings are scheduled for September 8th and 9th, with agenda topics including the *Wildlife, Environmental Management, Lands, Culture and Heritage*, and *Parks* chapters.

Councillor Mel Kositsky is the LMTAC representative to the Katzie negotiations.

Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Parties at the Tsleil-Waututh table met June 23rd and 24th to discuss table progress, outstanding issues, and work planning. The MTWG met in Victoria July 21st and 22nd with discussion topics

including draft AIP chapters on *Taxation and Fiscal Relations*, and the *Real Property Tax Coordination Agreement*

The next MTWG meetings are scheduled for August 25th and 26th, with agenda items including several draft process chapters, *Governance, Parks, and Migratory Birds*. A Chief Negotiators' meeting has been scheduled between the Parties for September 14th in North Vancouver.

Councillor Alan Nixon is the LMTAC representative to the Tsleil-Waututh negotiations.

LMTAC BUSINESS

Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

TSWG members were recently active in reviewing and providing comment on the draft discussion paper *Local Government Issues and Interests on the Federal Additions-to-Reserve (ATR) Process*. Member comments provided invaluable insight into the experience of local governments in the ATR process.

The next TSWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2010. All local government staff are welcome to attend.

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

On Monday, September 27, 2010, UBCM will be hosting the pre-Convention session *Developing Agreements with First Nations: Pursuing Excellence*. The session will examine lessons learned and best practices for entering into agreements with First Nations, with an emphasis on servicing. The annual UBCM 2010 Convention is held September 27th – October 1st in Whistler. For further information, please visit www.ubcm.ca.

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