

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### LMTAC Discussion Paper on FNCIDA and FNCLTA

On December 8, 2010, the LMTAC Executive Committee considered and recommended the draft discussion paper *Local Government Issues and Interests on the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act (FNCIDA) and the First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act (FNCLTA)* be circulated to the full LMTAC membership for comment. The discussion paper coincides with the Squamish Nation's plan to undertake significant market development under FNCIDA and the BC government's development of an implementation plan for FNCIDA projects.

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

At this time, LMTAC member jurisdictions are encouraged to review and provide comment on the draft.

### Upcoming Public LMTAC Board Meetings:

January 26, 2011

March 23, 2011

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### LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

At the November LMTAC Board meeting, the LMTAC 2010 and 2011 Workplans were discussed. It was reported that the 2010 Workplan was 95% complete with one item cancelled due to budgetary constraints.

The 2011 Workplan was reviewed and acknowledged two new additions regarding the *First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act (FNCIDA)* and *Additions-to-Reserves Process (ATR)*. Additional items were proposed and endorsed including monitoring the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Infrastructure Partnership Program (CIPP).

#### January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The inaugural 2011 LMTAC Board meeting will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will include an orientation session provided by LMTAC Staff on the mandate, role, and responsibilities of LMTAC and its members.

*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.*

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

The Katzie Main Table Working Group (MTWG) met November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss draft Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) chapters related to: *Wildlife*. Parties met December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the draft AIP *Culture and Heritage* chapter, and to receive a presentation on the federal government's new tax and fiscal policy.

The next MTWG meetings are scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, with agenda topics including *Wildlife* and *Environmental Management*.

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

### Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Parties at the Tsleil-Waututh table met for a Chief Negotiator's Meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss table progress, outstanding issues, and urban land. The MTWG met on December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss work planning. The next MTWG meetings are scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> in Victoria with agenda items including several draft process chapters, *Parks, Forests, and Intergovernmental Relations*. Discussions will also include chapters regarding *Transition, Ratification, Implementation*, as well as upcoming community meetings.

***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 First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act (FNCIDA) and the First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act (FNCLTA)*. Member comments provided invaluable insight into the ongoing experiences of local governments in the FNCIDA process.

The next TSWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All local government staff are welcome to attend.

### Events of Interest

#### **February 8-10: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Victoria, BC)**

- Sustainable communities conference and tradeshow

#### **May 11-13: Lower Mainland Local Government Association (Whistler, BC)**

- Conference: working theme: *Challenging the Status Quo*
- Deadline for presentation proposals is January 10

#### **June 3-6: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Halifax, NB)**

- Conference

#### **September 26-30: Union of BC Municipalities (Vancouver, BC)**

- Convention

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*This Bulletin provides a general overview of recent activities and major issues dealt with by LMTAC representatives. It is not intended to reflect all of the issues before the Committee. Any opinions expressed herein are solely of LMTAC.*