

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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### Upcoming Public Board Meetings:

February 27, 2008  
March 26, 2008

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### LMTAC Inaugural Board Meeting and Election Results

Mayor Ralph Drew, of the Village of Belcarra and Metro Vancouver's appointee to LMTAC, was acclaimed to serve as LMTAC Chair for the sixth consecutive year during the inaugural 2008 LMTAC Board meeting & elections on Wednesday, January 23. Councillor Corinne Lonsdale, a member of LMTAC since its inception in 1994, was acclaimed as the LMTAC Vice-Chair for a third year, and continues to serve as Chair of the Finance and Administration Sub-Committee. Treaty table representatives will continue to serve in their current positions until their three year terms expire in January 2009.

#### 2008 Election Results

##### *Executive Committee:*

Chair  
Vice Chair  
At-Large Members

Mayor Ralph Drew (Metro Vancouver)  
Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)  
Councillor Lisa Barrett (Bowen Island)  
Councillor Mary Wade Anderson (White Rock)

##### *FASC:*

Chair  
Vice Chair  
At-Large Members

Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Squamish)  
Director John Turner (Squamish-Lillooet RD)  
Councillor Colin Richardson (Belcarra)  
Councillor Bob Osterman (New Westminster)  
Councillor Barbara Steele (Surrey)

##### *FVTAC Representative:*

Councillor Mel Kositsky (Langley Township)

### LMTAC Orientation Session

New and returning LMTAC members and colleagues participated in LMTAC's annual Orientation Session on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year's session was 'How Do We Come Together?', and was well attended by over 60 participants. Presentations were received from Mike Fury, Assistant Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, on the Province's *New Relationship*; Tsleil-Waututh Nation Chief Leah George-Wilson and District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton on fostering successful intergovernmental relations; and from municipal legal expert Donald Lidstone of *Lidstone Young Anderson* on service agreements. Thank you to all participants and speakers for contributing towards another successful event!

### Minister de Jong Requests Follow-Up Meeting with Executive Committee

Following a successful meeting in September 2007, LMTAC Executive Committee members were extended another opportunity to meet with the Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussion focused on local government involvement in the *New Relationship*, including a proposal to expand the Memorandum of Understanding between the Province and the Union of BC Municipalities that establishes a role for local government in treaty negotiations, and the possibility of coordinating a forum in which the Minister could engage a broader local government audience in a dialogue on the *New Relationship*.

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**January 23, 2008**

Highlights of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> LMTAC Board meeting included election of the LMTAC Chair, Vice-Chair, and Finance and Administration Sub-Committee members. Following the elections, Board members considered and approved a new 2008 Workplan Item; development of a discussion paper on 'cooperative management' and implications for local government. Members also received an update on activities of the Fraser Valley TAC by the FVTAC Chair, Director Arne Zabell.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

The Katzie table continues to make consistent progress on chapter development and community consultations, meeting on average 2-3 days a month. A table work plan has meeting dates scheduled until July 2008.

The Katzie First Nation recently completed a Land Needs Identification Treaty Related Measure, and Parties are now in the process of establishing a Lands Technical Working Group.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Pitt Meadows, with discussion topics including Governance, General Provisions, Intergovernmental Relations, Migratory Birds and Lands.

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

### Tsawwassen Table (Stage 5)

Following successful First Nation and Provincial ratification votes, the Tsawwassen Final Agreement was introduced into the House of Commons for federal ratification on December 6, 2007. While Parties continue to await the outcome of the ratification process, Metro Vancouver has established staff working groups in preparation for Tsawwassen's participation in the regional district.

*Councillor Linda Barnes is the LMTAC representative to the Tsawwassen negotiations.*

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.

## Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Parties at the Tsleil-Waututh Treaty table were active in 2007, meeting an average of three times a month, resulting in significant progress towards an Agreement-in-Principle.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, Parties met for a Chief Negotiators' meeting to establish a table workplan for 2008; recently, table progress has slowed due to scheduling conflicts between all Parties.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

### Finance and Administration Sub-Committee (FASC)

FASC members are scheduled to meet in early March for their first meeting of 2008. Committee priorities for this spring include a review of feedback received on the 2008 Orientation Session and exploring the creation of an in-camera 'Board in Brief' to provide member jurisdiction Councils and Boards with confidential updates. Other communication projects under consideration by FASC include LMTAC participation at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Annual General Meeting in Whistler this May.

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

TSWG members met February 7<sup>th</sup> to initiate work on the new LMTAC 2008 Workplan item - development of a discussion paper on 'cooperative management' and implications for local government. An initial draft of the draft discussion paper will now be prepared for review and comment by Executive Committee members at their next meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Other TSWG priorities for 2008 include the possibility of hosting a special workshop on key urban aboriginal issues, and continued monitoring of new treaty negotiation and aboriginal policy developments and possible implications for local government.

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