

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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Upcoming Public Board Meetings:  
July 23, 2008

September 28, 2008  
(Tentative)

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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

### **Katzie First Nation – LMTAC Workshops on *Intergovernmental Relations***

The Katzie First Nation and LMTAC initiated the first of three *Intergovernmental Relations* workshops on May 21<sup>st</sup> with elected officials and staff representatives participating from Metro Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, the Township of Langley, and the Katzie First Nation. Discussion focused on local and regional land use planning, and included a presentation on the Metro Vancouver *Liveable Region Strategic Plan* review.

Upcoming workshop dates and topics have been confirmed for:

- o June 9<sup>th</sup> – Local and Regional Services
- o July 14<sup>th</sup> – Katzie participation in Metro Vancouver

### **Archaeology Branch Presents on *Local Government Initiative***

At the May 21<sup>st</sup> LMTAC Board meeting, members received a presentation from Mr. Doug Glaum, of the provincial Archaeology Branch, on the *Local Government Initiative*. Mr. Glaum informed members of the various resources available to local governments when encountering archaeological issues, including the Remote Access to Archaeological Data (RAAD) software program and Archaeological Overview Assessments.

The LMTAC website now features a link to access provincial archaeology resource materials related to local government.

### **LMTAC Participates in LMLGA**

LMTAC staff was on hand at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Annual General Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Whistler, informing meeting participants of recent LMTAC activities and responding to information requests.

Congratulations to Agricultural Land Commission Vice-Chair, Sylvia Pranger, for winning the LMTAC door prize - a feather carving by Lance Joseph of the Squamish First Nation.

### **Specific Claims Tribunal Act Passed by House of Commons**

The House of Commons passed the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act* on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Act creates an independent tribunal to adjudicate the resolution of approximately 800 specific claims, of which nearly half are in British Columbia. Following Senate approval, the Act will need to receive Royal Assent prior to coming into effect as law.

Specific claims occur outside of the *BC Treaty Process*, dealing with alleged breach of historic treaties and misadministration of Indian Band lands and assets under the *Indian Act*.

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**April 23, 2008**

Highlights of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> LMTAC Board meeting included presentations from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation on the *Transformative Change Accord* and provincial Housing Policy Branch's discussion paper *Developing an Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Plan*. Comments received by LMTAC staff on the presentations have been forwarded to the appropriate provincial representatives for information.

**May 21, 2008**

In addition to receiving the above noted presentation from the Archaeology Branch on the *Local Government Initiative*, LMTAC members approved LMTAC's preliminary 2009 Budget assumptions, and received updates on recent activities at the Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh treaty tables.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

The Katzie table continues to meet regularly, making steady progress towards an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). In addition to the above mentioned intergovernmental relations workshop series, recent table discussions include: *Governance, Access and Crown Corridors*, and *Role Outside of Katzie Lands*.

The workplan includes an average of 3 meetings per month until mid-October. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Tsawwassen Table (Stage 5)

Federal settlement legislation giving effect to the *Tsawwassen Final Agreement* is currently undergoing second reading in the House of Commons. Following ratification in the House, passage of legislation in the Senate completes the federal ratification process.

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

### Tsleil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Following a brief hiatus, Parties at the Tsleil-Waututh table are scheduled to resume negotiations with a Chief Negotiators' meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> and a Main Table Working Group on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A workplan that includes an average of 2 meetings per month has been scheduled until the end of 2008.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

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

FASC members met May 2<sup>nd</sup> for consideration of the preliminary LMTAC 2009 Budget assumptions and developed a feedback survey for distribution at the LMLGA Annual General Meeting.

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

Further to distributing LMTAC's draft cooperative management discussion paper to member jurisdictions and affiliated government entities for comment by May 30<sup>th</sup>, TSWG is scheduled to meet on June 5<sup>th</sup> to review responses received to-date. Additional agenda items include a review of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group *A Call to Action* discussion paper, as it relates to cooperative management, as well as developing a series of questions in preparation for an upcoming provincial briefing regarding the proposed *Indigenous Nations Recognition Act* and the common table approach proposed by the BC Treaty Commission.

**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.**

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