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## Lower Mainland Area Local Governments Elect Representatives For Treaty Negotiations

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**Burnaby, BC ...** On Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, local government representatives to the *Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC)* — the body that coordinates and represents the interests of Lower Mainland area local governments in the BC Treaty Process — acclaimed **Mayor Ralph Drew** as **LMTAC Chair** for the seventh consecutive year. **Councillor Corinne Lonsdale**, a member of LMTAC since its inception in 1994, was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of LMTAC for a fourth year and continues in her role as representative to the Squamish treaty table. Mayor Drew is Metro Vancouver's representative to the committee and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale represents the District of Squamish on LMTAC.

In his role as Chair, Mayor Drew leads the largest of the 19 local government *Treaty Advisory Groups* (TACs) in the Province, representing over half of the provincial population. LMTAC members consist of 23 municipalities and three regional districts (Metro Vancouver, Squamish Lillooet and Sunshine Coast) covering the geographic area from Pemberton and Whistler to Langley and Maple Ridge.

“Last year was historic for our region, as the *Tsawwassen Final Agreement* marked the first agreement to be ratified under the *BC Treaty Process*. We look forward to welcoming *Tsawwassen First Nation* as a member of the *Metro Vancouver* board when the treaty takes effect on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.” Chair Drew commented. “LMTAC is also excited to implement a *Memorandum of Understanding* that was recently signed between the Province and the *Union of BC Municipalities* on Local Government participation in the *New Relationship* with First Nations. We are very pleased that through this new MOU, the Province is committed to early and ongoing consultation with local governments on land and resource negotiations that may affect local government jurisdiction.”

LMTAC works as a member of the Provincial treaty negotiating team and continues to provide advice and guidance from a local government perspective to five Lower Mainland area treaty tables: Tsawwassen, Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Squamish and Musqueam.

**All public documents are available on LMTAC's web site.**

**For further information on LMTAC and its activities, please contact Regan Schlecker, LMTAC Managing Director, at (604) 451-6198 or visit us at [www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca).**

## 2009 LMTAC Elected Positions

### Executive Committee

Chair	Mayor Ralph Drew (Metro Vancouver)
Vice Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Musqueam Table Representative	Councillor Linda Barnes (City of Richmond)
Squamish Table Representative	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative	Councillor Alan Nixon (District of North Vancouver)
Katzie Table Representative	Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)
At Large Members	Councillor James Coleridge (City of White Rock) Councillor Anne Peterson (Corporation of Delta)
Regional District Representatives:	
Metro Vancouver	Mayor Ralph Drew (Belcarra)
Squamish Lillooet	Mayor Jordan Sturdy (Village of Pemberton)
Sunshine Coast	Director Lee Turnbull (Area F – West Howe Sound)

### Finance and Administrative Subcommittee (FASC)

Chair	Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (District of Squamish)
Vice Chair	Councillor Linda Barnes (City of Richmond)
At Large Member	Councillor Colin Richardson (Village of Belcarra)
At Large Member	Councillor Bob Osterman (City of New Westminster)
At Large Member	Councillor Craig Speirs (District of Maple Ridge)
Ex-Officio Member (LMTAC Chair)	Mayor Ralph Drew (Metro Vancouver)

### LMTAC Observer to Fraser Valley TAC

Councillor Mel Kositsky (Township of Langley)