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## Summary of Proceedings from the Lower Mainland Community-to-Community Forum Now Available

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**Burnaby, B.C. ...** On September 14, 2000, approximately sixty First Nation representatives and community officials and leaders gathered to discuss issues of common concern at the Lower Mainland Community-to-Community Forum (LMCCF). The complete summary of the LMCCF Proceedings is now available on the "Announcements" page on the LMTAC Web Site:

[www.lmtac.bc.ca](http://www.lmtac.bc.ca).

The LMCCF was the first, participant-driven event of its kind in the region to actively encourage direct dialogue between area First Nations and local community officials and leaders. This successful event was co-chaired by Chief Leonard George, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and LMTAC Chair Don Bell and was jointly organized and implemented by three co-hosts: Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC), and the Lower Mainland Municipal Association. Participants indicated a desire to hold future meetings and events in order to continue to strengthen the parties' relationship.

LMTAC Chair Bell noted that, "we all live in the province's most urbanized and populated region, rich with heritage, and possessing much potential. The theme we have chosen to help frame our discussions today reflects this reality." The Forum was guided by the following theme:

**Together, Our Communities:**

*touch the past  
hear the present  
see the future*

**Together, We Seek to:**

*understand and respect our differences  
identify current and common issues  
develop co-operative solutions*

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*"LMTAC works to coordinate and represent the interests of Local Governments and their constituents in Lower Mainland area treaty negotiations."*