

# Update Bulletin

Reporting on recent  
LMTAC Activities

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### Upcoming Public LMTAC Board Meetings:

**March 24, 2010**  
*(to be confirmed)*

**April 28, 2010**  
*(to be confirmed)*

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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

### LMTAC Election Results

At the Inaugural LMTAC Board meeting on January 27, 2010, Mayor Ralph Drew and Councillor Corinne Lonsdale were acclaimed for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Also acclaimed to the Executive Committee for the (2) At-Large positions were Councillor Anne Peterson and Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson.

#### 2010 Executive Committee Members:

- Mayor Ralph Drew (Chair / Metro Vancouver Representative)
- Councillor Corinne Lonsdale (Vice Chair / Squamish Table Representative)
- Mayor Jordan Sturdy (SLRD Representative)
- Director Lee Turnbull (SCRD Representative)
- Councillor Linda Barnes (Musqueam Table Representative)
- Councillor Alan Nixon (Tsleil-Waututh Table Representative)
- Councillor Mel Kositsky (Katzie Table / FVTAC Representative)
- Councillor Anne Peterson (At-Large)
- Councillor Mary Wade Anderson (At-Large)

### Yale Final Agreement Initialled

The Yale Final Agreement was initialled on February 5, 2010, by Chief Negotiators from the Yale First Nation, Canada and British Columbia, making it the fourth Final Agreement to be initialled under the BC Treaty Process.

Details of the Final Agreement include 1,966 hectares of Treaty Settlement Lands, a capital transfer of \$10.7 million, and economic development funds of \$2.2 million. The First Nation will become a member of the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District on the Effective Date; however, Fraser Valley Regional District membership remains optional.

Next steps include ratification of the Final Agreement by the Yale First Nation community, and by the Legislature of British Columbia and Parliament of Canada. The Yale First Nation has approximately 151 members and is located north of Hope.

### Say Nuth Khaw Yum / Indian Arm Park Plan

On February 17, 2010, BC Parks, Port Metro Vancouver, and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation celebrated the collaboratively developed *Say Nuth Khaw Yum / Indian Arm Provincial Park Management Plan*. The plan provides land management direction for 6,826 hectares of parkland, and is the product of nearly twelve years of work between BC Parks and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

## LMTAC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**January 27, 2010**

Following the Executive Committee elections, LMTAC Board members received updates on recent activity at the Tseil-Waututh and Katzie treaty tables. Provincial negotiators also provided an in-camera presentation on the draft Tseil-Waututh Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) *Local Government Relations* chapter and *Real Property Tax Coordination Agreement*.

## NEGOTIATION UPDATES

### Katzie Table (Stage 4)

Main Table Working Group (MTWG) activity at the Katzie treaty table has been delayed in January and February due to a death in the First Nation community and provincial government travel restrictions during the Winter Olympics.

However, progress towards the creation of a land package continues apace, as Parties are completing the necessary technical work. Parties have set a goal of achieving a land and cash package in 2010.

The next MTWG meetings are scheduled on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, with agenda items including the draft AIP *Wildlife*, and *Migratory Birds* chapters.

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

### Tseil-Waututh Table (Stage 4)

Parties at the Tseil-Waututh table met on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for substantial discussion of the following draft AIP chapters; *Environmental Assessment and Protection*, *Culture and Heritage*, and *Lands*. Additionally, a *Local Government Relations* chapter has now been tabled for consideration by the Parties.

February MTWG meetings were cancelled, in part due to First Nation and government preparations for the Winter Olympics and provincial government travel restrictions during the month of February.

The next TWN MTWG meetings are scheduled on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, with discussion of the draft *Lands* and *Land Title* AIP chapters. Monthly meetings have been scheduled through to the end of 2010.

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

## LMTAC BUSINESS

### Technical and Strategic Working Group (TSWG)

TSWG members met for their first meeting of 2010 on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Members considered updates to a briefing note on the important topic of *Additions to Treaty Settlement Land*, and initiated revisions to the LMTAC Lessons Learned and Best Practices guide from Tsawwassen negotiations to include implementation of the *Intergovernmental Relations* chapter.

In an effort to increase information sharing and awareness, the LMTAC TSWG distribution list has been expanded to include all staff representatives to LMTAC. If there is a future TSWG agenda item that is of interest to a colleague, please feel free to extend the invitation to them. The next TSWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2010.

### Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

UBCM has announced that grants to support TAC operations in the 2010/2011 fiscal year are now available through the Supporting Treaty Implementation Program. The grants are valued at \$5,000 per active treaty table in Stage 4 or 5 of the BC Treaty Process. LMTAC will submit an application by the March 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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