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From The Secretary-Treasurer

This is presented as a follow-up to the Decision of Council regarding suspended member Larry Squires with reference to **FILE NLS 411 2013 2**. It is important that all members have an opportunity to review this as part of ensuring their ethical awareness of our responsibilities as Land Surveyors.

The information below was published in the Telegram on Saturday, February 13, 2016 and is presented to give notice to the public and membership of violations of the Act and Regulations.

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL of The Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors

A Disciplinary Committee Hearing Panel of the Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors (ANLS) were held on 27 November 2014 and 04 November 2015 to consider three complaints against currently suspended land surveyor Larry Squires, registration number 411, and to make associated recommendations to the Council of the ANLS.

The Council of the ANLS ultimately found Mr. Squires guilty of unskilled practice and professional misconduct in relation to two complaints, as follows:

1. Mr. Squires was found guilty of professional misconduct and unskilled practice in the manner that he prepared a survey description in 2003. The survey wrongly included as part of the subject property a road reservation. This was found to be as a result of the pronounced carelessness of Mr. Squires. His actions amount to both unskilled practice and professional misconduct.

As a result, the Council ordered:

- a. The Respondent, Mr. Squires, receive a written reprimand, and
- b. Publication of the decision and order of the Council in both the ANLS Newsletter and the Telegram newspaper, on a named basis.

2. Mr. Squires was found guilty of professional misconduct in that he did not respond to requests from the Discipline Committee Investigations Panel of the ANLS for cooperation and documentation in relation to two (2) allegations made against him. As a result of the non-responsiveness of Mr. Squires, a hearing was called and it was determined that his inaction amounted to professional misconduct. The Council notes that it is vital that the members of the profession respond to the requests for information from the Association. These responses may well lead to a resolution short of a disciplinary hearing and avoid the expenditure of resources associated therewith. It is part of a member's professional obligation and failure to do so amounts to professional misconduct.

As a result, the Council ordered:

- a. The Respondent's certificate of registration to practice as a land surveyor be suspended for a period of one (1) month which is to be served after the completion of the respondent's current licence suspension for an unrelated disciplinary charge;
- b. The respondent to pay the costs as incurred by the ANLS for the investigation and hearing of the complaints; and
- c. Publication of the decision and order of the Council in both the ANLS Newsletter and the Telegram newspaper, on a named basis.