

From the Secretary-Treasurer

I would like to advise membership that at the December 9, 2016 meeting, Council set the commencement date for submission of survey data into the LandGazette to be **January 1, 2017**.

Please note change in By-Law Section 17.3 below:

LAND SURVEY REGISTRY SYSTEM

17.1. Submission of Survey Plans and Descriptions - Survey plans and descriptions, conducted from a date as designated by the Council of Management, should be submitted to the Association's officially recognized land survey registry system (Land Gazette). All documentation inputted shall be in a format consistent with the Manual of Practice. All survey information is to remain the property of the authoring surveyor.

17.2. Distribution of Survey Information - Persons or survey firms currently engaged in, or retired from, the practice of land surveying in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador should direct all persons or entities requesting survey information (plans and or descriptions) to land survey registry system. In the event that the requested survey is not in land survey registry system the authoring surveyor shall use his or her professional judgment as how to best distribute the requested information.

17.3. Timeline for Submission of Survey Data - ~~Following the commencement date, in the first calendar year,~~ **Starting January 1, 2017** each member shall input a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of surveys completed to land survey registry system within thirty (30) days of completion of survey. Each calendar year a minimum additional twenty-five percent (25%) of surveys must be inputted. One hundred percent (100%) of surveys must be inputted in year four (4), and all subsequent years, relative to the commencement date.

17.4. Council of Management will direct the MCPD Committee to facilitate training seminars to ensure members have the opportunity to train in the usage and processes involved with (Land Gazette).

17.5. Association to Provide Notification of Commencement Date - The Association shall provide at least thirty (30) days written notice, to all registered surveyors, of the official commencement date of land survey registry system. The commencement date being defined as the date which Council decides members have been provided adequate opportunity to be trained in the use of (Land Gazette), the land survey registry system project is ready for operations; that is, Council of Management is satisfied that the land survey registry system can provide tools to properly collect, store and distribute land survey information in an Internet environment.

17.6. Association to Provide Public Notification - The Association, or its designated agent, shall provide public notification of the official commencement date of the land survey registry system. The said public notification shall clearly inform the public that any surveys conducted in the past, or which may be conducted in the future, may be entered into a publicly accessible survey plan registry system. The public notification shall also inform the public of their right to have their respective names remain confidential until such time as the subject survey becomes part of a public record. For the purpose of this By-Law, confidential shall mean restricted from public viewing or forming an input parameter for a system search.



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