



# Council REPORT

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

November 1, 2007

*The Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on November 1, 2007.*

*Here is a summary of their discussions.*

## **From the Registrar**

Council approved an application from **Caroline Anderson** to be exempted from the provisions of the mandatory professional liability insurance bylaw as she is not currently engaging in the practice of surveying.

Council acknowledged Dick Bassil's resignation as Registrar of the Association effective December 31, 2007 and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

## **Association Finances**

Council continued to take a close look at the Association's finances in light of post sales being down 25%-33% over the same period last year. Council reviewed the recommendations of the 2002 Association Finances Ad Hoc Committee report as well as the suggestions from Ken Allred. Any member who has any suggestions concerning the status of the Association's finances should contact any Council member or the Executive Director.

## **DOS Review**

Council welcomed Director of Surveys Review Committee members Lyall Pratt and John Wallace to the meeting. The Committee presented a conceptual model for the coordination of all surveying and mapping services within government. Council approved the model and authorized the Committee to present it to government.

Council approved a budget of \$5,000 for the committee for 2007-2008. Mark Prevost was approved as the vice-chairman of the committee.

## **PRB Polling**

The Practice Review Board requested funding approval in the amount of \$16,500 to retain a consultant to conduct a telephone poll of all active Alberta Land Surveyors to gather input for the objectives and process of Phase 4 of Systematic Practice Review.

Council requested that the Practice Review Board work with the consultant to formalize a proposal to detail how the polling is going to be conducted and what its structure may look like.

## **Boundary Panel**

Council welcomed Larry Pals, past chairman of the Section 9 of the Surveys Act Ad Hoc Committee to the meeting. Mr. Pals provided Council with a history of the ad hoc committee and how and why it developed the Boundary Panel.

Council decided to not change the terms of reference for the Boundary Panel and not transfer any responsibilities from the Boundary Panel to the Practice Review Board except the one case that has already been referred to the Practice Review Board.

## **Standards Committee**

Council approved a recommendation from the Standards Committee to remove "review the wellsite certification in regards to if there should be a time limit on the 'to' and 'from' dates on the certification and report back to Council" from its terms of reference and replace it with "review and formulate a code of practice for disposition plan amendments at Public Lands

so as a clear survey chronology and meaningful 'to and from dates' are depicted and look into establishing a standard of practice for the submission of amendment plans to Public Lands." While the wellsite certification was debated at the 2007 AGM, a concern arose since the AGM that just changing the "to" date on the certification when an amendment is made, may not properly explain the chronology of the disposition.

Council approved a request from the Standards Committee to remove "review posting requirements for phased condominium plans done under Section 47 of the Surveys Act" from their terms of reference. The Standards Committee felt that there was no need to make any revisions to the Manual of Standard Practice regarding this issue.

Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Wayne Wesolowsky from the Standards Committee.

## **TILMA**

Council approved a draft mutual recognition document between the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association and the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors under the provisions of the Trade Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

Under the proposed agreement, British Columbia Land Surveyors who wish to become licensed as Alberta Land Surveyors will be required to pass one written jurisdiction-specific examination.



Representatives from the ALSA and ABCLS will meet with government representatives to discuss the agreement. It is expected that the agreement will be signed formally at the ALSA AGM in April and will come into effect shortly thereafter.

**Short Cuts**

The Association met with Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Employment Immigration & Industry and responsible for the Land Surveyors Act. The Association discussed issues such as TILMA and foreign credential recognition with the Minister.

# Important Dates to Remember



12th: ALSA Office Closed  
 13th: Field Notes Seminar  
 27th to 30th: Getting It Right Train-the-Trainer

5th: Council & Christmas Reception (Calgary)  
 11th: Trig-Alta Challenge

Regional Meetings  
 30th: Edmonton  
 31st: Calgary

