



AGM REPORT

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

April 2004

The membership of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th in Jasper, Alberta for its 95th Annual General Meeting. What follows is a summary of the results of the recommendations and new business motions.

Recommendation #1: Public Lands Dispositions

It was MOVED by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Jamieson, that Part E, Section 8 and Part E, Section 9 of the Manual of Standard Practice be deleted entirely and that Part C, Section 3.9; Part D, Section 5 Preamble; Part D, Section 5.8; Part D, Section 5.9; be amended as follows:
Motion Carried

Three amendments were proposed and accepted:

It was MOVED by Mr. Gudim, seconded by Mr. Fleece, that Part D, Section 5.8 of the Manual of Standard Practice be retitled Public Land Dispositions Except License of Occupation (LOC)
Amendment Carried

Mr. Ross proposed a friendly amendment which was accepted by the mover and seconder:

That the first bullet under Part D, Section 5.8 be "The 'Disposition Plan Requirements' indicates when a survey is required and when a sketch, without a survey, is allowed."

Mr. Stephens proposed a friendly amendment which was accepted by the mover and seconder:

That "to ensure the approving authority does not grant conflicting authorizations on the same land, it is necessary that the location of activities and dispositions on public land be accurately defined" in Part D, Section 5.8 be replaced with "to assist the approving authority in not granting conflicting authorizations on the same land, it is necessary that the location of activities and dispositions on public land be accurately defined."

The Recommendation as amended is not reprinted here. It will be outlined in detail in the Report of Proceedings and in the next edition of the Manual of Standard Practice.

Recommendation #2: Environmental Conditions Affecting Well Licenses

It was MOVED by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Jamieson, that Part E, Section 7 of the Manual of Standard Practice be deleted in its entirety.
Motion Carried

Recommendation #3: Guide 56

It was MOVED by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Jamieson, that that Part D, Section 5.6 of the Manual of Standard Practice be amended as follows:
Motion Carried

The Recommendation is not reprinted here. The membership accepted the changes as presented in the AGM recommendations package and will be outlined in detail in the Report of Proceedings and in the next edition of the Manual of Standard Practice.

Recommendation #4: Metis Settlements Land Registry

It was MOVED by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Green, that the following be added to the Manual of Standard Practice as Part E, Section 13:

Process And Obligation To Register Plans On Metis Settlements With Metis Settlements Land Registry

When conducting surveys on Metis Settlements, the obligation to register those plans with the Metis Settlements Land Registry is the same as the obligation to register plans at Land Titles. Clients requesting surveys on Metis Settlements should be advised that the plan has no effect unless registered with the Metis Settlements Land Registry. For information purposes only, plans may also be filed/registered at Land Titles. Plan requirements are similar to those of Land Titles with a few exceptions.

The Registry block refers to the Metis Settlements Land Registry, the plan must be on mylar and it is preferred that the Alberta Land Surveyors' affidavit be on the plan rather than separate. More detailed plan requirements are found in Sections 86 and 87 of the Metis Settlements Land Registry Regulation. Further information can be found at <http://www.metis-settlements.org>.

Motion Carried



Presentation #1: Boundary Resolution Process

Mr. Pals made a presentation to the membership on the draft boundary resolution process developed by the Section 9 of the Surveys Act Ad Hoc Committee. The purpose of the boundary resolution process is to show leadership in the protection of the public and to help Alberta Land Surveyors find a solution to uncertain boundaries.

The Section 9 Ad Hoc Committee recognized that many details need to be worked out but they wanted feedback and comments from the membership. Mr. Pals asked President Jim Halliday to conduct a straw vote on what the Section 9 Ad Hoc Committee had put together so far. There was no motion on the floor and the votes were not counted. However, President Halliday observed that the membership appeared to overwhelmingly support the boundary resolution process concept.

Presentation #2: Part 2/Part 3 Monuments

Mr. Hudema made a presentation to the membership on the activities of the Legislation Ad Hoc Committee and their work to date to have certain monuments placed on Part 3 of the Surveys Act to have the same status as if they were placed under Part 2.

Mr. Hudema asked President Jim Halliday to conduct a straw vote on the concept of what the Legislation Ad Hoc Committee had put together. There was no motion on the floor and the votes were not counted. However, President Halliday observed that the membership appeared to be evenly split on the concept.

New Business Motion #1: Adverse Possession

It was MOVED by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Woolgar, that Council consider preparing a position paper on adverse possession for submission to the Government of Alberta and/or other bodies such as the Alberta Law Reform Institute.

Motion Carried

New Business Motion #2: Special Areas Board

It was MOVED by Mr. Main, seconded by Mr. Chris Chiasson, that Council consider encouraging discussion between the Special Areas Board and Public Lands to develop a unified system of dispositions which are readily available to the public.

Motion Carried

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