



AGM REPORT

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

April 26 - 28, 2007

The membership of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on April 26-28, 2007 in Lake Louise, Alberta for its 98th Annual General Meeting. What follows is a summary of the results of the recommendations and new business motions.

Recommendation #1:

Wellsite Certification

It was moved by Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Cheng, that the revisions, as shown, be made to Part E, Section 4, Schedule "B" of the Manual of Standard Practice:

I, _____, Alberta Land Surveyor,
of _____, Alberta, certify that the survey represented by this plan is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, has been carried out in accordance with the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association Manual of Standard Practice, and **the field survey** was performed between the _____ day of _____, 20__ and the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Alberta Land Surveyor **Date Signed** Witness
(name of witness)
Motion Carried

Secondary Motion #1

It was moved by Mr. Marquardt, seconded by Mr. Main, that the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association inform the EUB of the Association's amendment to the wellsite certification to ensure there is no confusion by their technical staff that look for dates on wellsite plans.

Motion Carried

Secondary Motion #2

It was moved by Mr. Prevost, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that Recommendation #1 take effect May 15, 2007.

Motion Carried

Recommendation #2: Remote Sensing for Public Land Dispositions

It was moved by Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Ross, that a new Part D, Section 5.9 be added to the Manual of Standard Practice and that the current 5.9 be renumbered to 5.10 and any subsequent numbering in Part D be done as required.

Motion Carried

Amendment

It was moved by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Ross, that "interval" be replaced with "level" and "1.0m" be replaced with "2.0m."

Amendment Carried

As Amended

5.9 An Alberta Land Surveyor preparing a disposition plan for public lands based upon remotely sensed survey data such as LIDAR shall:

- 5.9.1 Only use remotely sensed data that is accurate at a 95% confidence level to a maximum 0.5m vertically and 2.0m horizontally relative to Alberta Survey Control Markers or other published benchmarks in the area. Verifying this might include obtaining the calibration data and testing the collection method for quality assurance. It might also include comparing the data to a sample of areas surveyed using proven techniques as well as comparison with points that have published horizontal and vertical position.**
- 5.9.2 Visit the subject area to confirm that all relevant topography has been identified and shown prior to plan submission. For example, the land surveyor may find small creeks that were not discernable in the data.**
- 5.9.3 Locate and confirm monuments in accordance with Part D sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2.**
- 5.9.4 Identify the data collection technique in the title block. Example: (LIDAR Survey)**
- 5.9.5 Identify positions to be monumented (corners, changes in direction, and beginnings and ends of curves) with a symbol that is represented in the legend as a "remotely sensed position."**
- 5.9.6 Make a note on the plan identifying when the remotely sensed data was collected.**

- 5.9.7 Certify the plan in accordance with Part E, Section 4, Schedule “B.”
- 5.9.8 Prepare the plan following the General Requirements for Plans, Part D, Section 1 and the approving authority’s plan requirements.
- 5.9.9 Prepare a monumented plan of survey within the time frame specified by the approving authority. The as-built plan shall be prepared in accordance with Part D, sections 5.8 and 5.10 and the approving authority’s plan requirements.

**Recommendation #3:
Section 47 Surveys**

It was moved by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Rachynski, that the following clause be added to the Manual of Standard Practice in Part D, Section 2 as clause 2.2.3 and the existing clauses 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 be renumbered to 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 respectively.

Part D.2.2.3 before amendments
In accordance with Section 47(3) of the *Surveys Act*, the surveyor should attempt to place the monuments required by Section 45(1) within one year of the registration of the plan. If the surveyor is unable to complete placing the required monuments within the one year period, the surveyor shall submit a request for an extension of the period, sufficient to complete the placing of the monuments, to the Director of Surveys stating the reason for the request. This request shall be made prior to the expiry of the one year period. In all cases, the surveyor shall register a Monumentation Certificate once the placing of the monuments is complete. The certificate shall state any variations which may have occurred in the placing of the monuments.

Amendment #1

It was moved by Mr. Stoliker, seconded by Mr. Maidment, that proposed clause D2.2.3 be revised to read: In accordance with Section 47(3) of the Surveys Act, the surveyor ~~should~~ **shall, within one year of the registration of the plan, either attempt to place the monuments required by section 45(1) within one year of the registration of the plan. If the surveyor is unable to complete placing the required monuments within the one year period, the surveyor shall** or submit a request for an extension of the period, sufficient to complete the placing of the monuments, to the Director of Surveys stating the reason for the request. This request shall be made

~~prior to the expiry of the one year period.~~ In all cases the surveyor shall, **within the above time limits,** register a Monument Certificate once the placing of the monuments is complete.

Amendment Carried

Amendment #2

It was moved by Mr. Stoliker, seconded by Mr. Maidment, that proposed clause D2.2.3 be revised to read: The certificate shall **contain a detailed description of the type and condition of all monuments placed and reasons for non-posting if any monuments were not placed.** ~~The certificate shall state any variations which may have occurred in the placing of the monuments.~~

Amendment Carried

Part D, Section 2.2.3 as Amended:

In accordance with Section 47(3) of the Surveys Act, the surveyor shall, within one year of the registration of the plan, either place the monuments required by section 45(1) or submit a request for an extension, sufficient to complete the placing of the monuments, to the Director of Surveys stating the reason for the request. In all cases the surveyor shall, within the above time limits, register a Monument Certificate once the placing of the monuments is complete. The certificate shall contain a detailed description of the type and condition of all monuments placed and reasons for non-posting if any monuments were not placed.

Motion Carried

New Business #1:

Internal Control Network

It was moved by Mr. Pals, seconded by Mr. Loeppky, that it is recommended that the Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association task the Standards Committee to research the possibility that when the Director of Surveys is requested to grant an extension to the posting requirements under a Section 47 plan that, prior to granting that extension the surveyor who registered the original plan must ensure that steps have been taken to ensure that the original internal control network is still valid and exists or that steps have been taken to establish any new monuments required.

Motion Carried

New Business #2:

Professional Educational Consultant

It was moved by Mr. Woolgar, seconded by Mr. Loeppky, that it is recommended that the Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association appoint to the Professional Development Committee a professional educational consultant to assist in the development and presentation of future courses.

Motion Carried

New Business #3:

Centennial Publication

It was moved by Mr. Cheng, seconded by Mr. Gudim, that it is recommended that the Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association consider establishing an ad hoc committee similar to the Editorial Board to design and compile an ALS centennial publication.

Amendment

It was moved by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Cheng, that "establishing an ad hoc committee similar to the Editorial Board to design and compile" be replaced with "designing and compiling"

Amendment Carried

Motion as Amended

It was moved by Mr. Cheng, seconded by Mr. Gudim, that it is recommended that the Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association consider designing and compiling an ALS centennial publication.

Motion Carried

New Business #4:

RPR Copyright

It was moved by Mr. SexSmith, seconded by Mr. Cheng, that it is recommended that the Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association initiate a task force to re-visit and revamp the ALSA's RPR certification specifically to deal with and address the issue of the rules stated in the "recommended rules of practice respecting real property reports" as endorsed by the Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch particularly with respect to Rule #2 regarding the ALSA relaxing their copyright endorsements on RPRs.

Motion Carried

New Business #5:

Section 47 Investigation

It was moved by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Stoliker, that be it resolved that Council be requested pursuant to Section 13(1)(a) of the Land Surveyors Act, that the Practice Review Board do a pro-active investigation into the practice of the membership vis-à-vis Section 47 of the Surveys Act.

Motion Carried

New Business #6:

Adverse Possession

It was moved by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Pals, that the ALSA assembled here today at our 98th AGM strongly encourage the Alberta legislature to delay the passage of Bill 17 – The Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, until such time as the ALSA is able to present their concerns to the Government of Alberta.

Motion Carried

Honours & Recognition

Honorary Life Member: Bob Fulton, ALS (Hon. Life)
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President's Award: David McArthur, ALS

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2008 AGM

The 99th annual general meeting of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association will be held April 24-26, 2008 in Lake Louise, Alberta.