Six Key Reasons to Register Right-of-Way Plans

1. Safety
It is important for people to know where pipelines and other facilities are located. Legal plans provide detailed information about locations of your rights-of-way. They ensure underground facility locations can be quickly identified when necessary.

2. Land Management
Good land management is a vital component of development. Registration of the plan makes it possible to “free-up” the balance of the property by removing the blanket easement.

3. Public Confidence
You want to be known as a responsible steward of your right of way. Proper registration shows respect to the property owner, inspires public trust, and creates a positive image for your company and industry.

4. Interest in Land
Protect the landowner’s interest, as well as your own, by replacing the blanket easement with a “specific” document. Registered plans provide the detail required by the Land Titles Office to make the easement “specific” to the strip of land as shown on the IOP.

5. It’s the Law
Provincial legislation, the Pipeline Act, requires that rights of way be surveyed according to the Surveys Act before construction commences. All surveys done under this act must then be publicly registered.

6. Peace of Mind
You will be happy to have the paperwork done and off your desk. You’ll be able to say—“Thank goodness that job is finished!”

If you need help
The Alberta Land Surveyor who conducted the right-of-way survey is available to help you with guidance and advice about how to complete the registration. The Alberta Land Surveyor works closely with the Land Titles Office and will make right-of-way plan registration easy. Just ask!

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