

Notice from the Corporation of Land Surveyors of the Province of British Columbia

For the past 18 years, Gordon Thomson has been the statute Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar of the Corporation of Land Surveyors of the Province of British Columbia (corporation). This position was a full-time position for those years, with Gordon also fulfilling all of the duties of an Executive Director. With the knowledge that Gordon would be retiring in 2002, the corporation began succession planning last year. The Board of Management determined that making the Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar position as a part-time position, and searching for a full-time Executive Director, would best serve the corporation. Following a competition, Victoria Johnson was hired as Executive Director, effective November 19, 2001, with Gordon continuing as Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar in a part-time capacity, until March 31, 2002.

In January 2002, the Annual General Meeting of the corporation was held in Surrey, BC, at which time the membership and special friends paid tribute to Gordon and his wife, Floss, for their contribution to the corporation and the membership. Many good stories were told and by the end of the evening, Gordon and Floss had been well roasted and toasted.

Gordon has served the corporation well, putting in many long, tireless hours both in the office and on the road, where he always represented the corporation well. His dedication has been second to none and his leadership, guidance, and counsel to members and the public were always very professional. Floss supported Gordon at all times and, throughout his employment with the corporation, not only supported Gordon but pitched in at all of the functions, making members and their spouses or partners feel welcome. She enjoyed mixing socially at the functions, and made it look so easy. Gordon and Floss are an exceptional team who have made a significant contribution to the land surveying profession. Although Gordon has retired from his duties, I am sure we will see a lot of Gordon and Floss for many years to come.

The corporation welcomes Victoria Johnson as Executive Director, and is pleased to announce that effective April 1, 2002, Chuck Salmon assumed the part-time statute position of Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. Chuck retired from his position as Surveyor General on March 15, 2002, after 35 years of public service. ▲