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## Leading the Way

**I**t was a distinct pleasure to interview LTSA's Wanda Costuros and Godfrey Archbold for the Cover Story of the Spring *Scrivener*.

These qualified and highly capable individuals clearly enjoy their work with the very successful organization they have helped build.

I asked Peter Cook, Vice Chair of the Board of the Land Title and Survey Authority, and Wayne Braid, Secretary and Executive Director of The Society of Notaries Public of BC, to tell us about the experience of working with the two professionals.

Said Peter,

My Board colleagues and I appreciate Wanda's ability to balance her incisiveness on strategic issues with her support for management and the Board decision-making process. She values diverse opinions, is innovative, and demonstrates the highest professional standards in her role as Chair.

Wayne said,

Godfrey's commitment to excellence in everything he does for the LTSA and its partners, such as the Notaries, is exemplary. The success of the LTSA is due in great part to the skill set Godfrey brings to the organization.

His administrative and communications skills and his grasp of the industry have contributed significantly to the modernization and new initiatives that benefit all whose this registration system.

BC Notaries are vigorous supporters of the new electronic delivery of documents for property conveyancing. The Society arranges regular training sessions and seminars to provide Notaries and their staff the opportunity to master the skills that the EFS requires.

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Wayne had this to say about the way EFS technology is changing Notaries' daily work efforts.

Prior to the formation of the LTSA, BC Notaries would sometimes have to wait up to 26 days to have their clients' documents registered. When the Land Title and Survey Authority took over, they made a commitment to take that timeframe down to 6 days. Notaries are now happy to report that most of their clients' documents are registered and processed within 4 days!

The introduction of the Electronic Filing System (EFS) has become a tremendous benefit for the clients

of BC Notaries. Transactions can now be registered much quicker and the process has been streamlined.

When they are completed by the Notary, the documents are submitted, then they queue up for registration on the appropriate day. There's no more need for couriers travelling between Notaries' offices and the Land Title Office—and no more waiting for registration numbers to be phoned back later in the day. Registration numbers are received within minutes of the submission of the electronic document!



Nigel Atkin wrote his detailed article about land in Iraq *from Iraq*. Last month! A man of many talents, Nigel is currently applying his extensive expertise and knowledge in a way and in a place he could not have foreseen a year ago.

George Cadman has written a most interesting case commentary about the *Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia* (The Williams Case).

Other articles about land in British Columbia include colourful spreads about the Sunshine Coast, Kelowna, and magnificent back-country areas accessible on horseback—not too far from the Lower Mainland. You and your horse might like to join Notary Doug Parton and other veteran riders for a 9-day journey in July to celebrate BC's 150 years as a Crown Colony! ▲



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