

# Allied Professionals Working Together

**I**t is hard to imagine, but there are people out there who love land as much as we Notaries do. Those individuals are the members of the Corporation of Land Surveyors of British Columbia, currently celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Surveyors draw their roots from ancient times. For an example of their work, we can look at how accurately the pyramids are oriented. Many of our explorers were indeed “surveying” the land for king and country as they laid out boundaries for nations, states, provinces, and cities. Just as the word of the early Notaries was a tradition established in trust, so too was the word of the surveyor.

That same trust prevails today. If the surveyor locates the corner pin of your property or computes the area of your condominium, that information will be relied upon by all those who follow. Their cadastral work crosses daily with our title work. Both groups earnestly strive to ensure that our respective systems are current and, most of all, as accurate as can possibly be.

BC Land Surveyors are our Allied Professionals. Like BC Notaries, surveyors must perform to the highest standards in their dealings with land. Just as Notaries

are self-governed by The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia, surveyors are self-governed by their Corporation. This strict governance of performance in our practices has helped forge a close kinship.

Our daily practices overlap to a great degree. Land is involved with over 80 percent of the Notary’s practice and is an even higher proportion of the surveyor’s

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work. Interactions are frequent; our reliance on each other’s complementary abilities has grown over the years.

We truly enjoy the arenas in which we work. There are occasions when we have discovered errors as we work our way through a file and believe we are duty-bound to take the time to correct these matters—it must be done. No one pays us for this extra time, but we understand that in the future, other professionals will rely on the work we are currently doing.

Our professional pride drives us to preserve the high standards for which land work in British Columbia is renowned. ▲

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