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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Highway Right-of-Way Surveys


Plan examinations carried out in the Surveyor General Branch during the past year appear to show an increasing tendency, on the part of some land surveyors, to minimize field work on highway surveys to the extent that they fail to strictly comply with the Highway Right-of-Way Survey Regulations, (Part 9 of the General Survey Instructions). They are then placed in the position of either having to return to the field to do more work, usually at far greater cost than would have been the case had the work been done in the first place, or of seeking special consideration from this Branch.

We have always tried to administer the regulations with some degree of flexibility, in order to allow for unusual field conditions, but we do not propose to allow shortcuts which are in breach of the intent of the regulations.

Highway right-of-way surveys in British Columbia are an extremely important part of the cadastral survey fabric. They provide opportunities for post renewals, bearing verification and cadastral mapping control which go beyond the basic purpose of defining areas of land required for highway purposes.

Surveyors should pay particular attention to Sections 182(1), 187 and 200. Sections 187 and 200, read in concert, are interpreted by this Branch to mean that district lot or section corners re-established in the course of the survey, must be posted with posts of Type 1, 2 or 4.

Yours sincerely,

  
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and Director