Capacity Building Session: Surveys

<u>August 21 – afternoon Agenda:</u>

- Part D Differences between "Approved" & "Confirmed"
- 2) Part E What type of plan do I need for my transaction?
- 3) Part F Process of a Survey Plan & Roles of the Parties



PART D:

What are the differences between "Approved" and "Confirmed" on survey plans?



Section 31 / Administrative Plan:

Administrative plans

31 The Surveyor General may, for administrative purposes, make such plans of public lands as the Surveyor General deems expedient, but plans made under this section need not be confirmed under section 29 or sent to a registrar under section 30.



PLAN OF SURVEY OF

LOT 1

WITHIN FRACTIONAL N.W. 1/4 SEC. 7

TP. 47, R. 5, W.3M

IN MISTAWASIS INDIAN RESERVE NO. 103A

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Natural Resources
RE Section 31, Canada Lands Surveys Act

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Oct 17, 2016

DATE

Surveyor General or designate

MANAGER (ADASTANI SERVICES

Surveyor General Branch

Approval
by the Surveyor
General Branch



Section 29 / Official Plan:

Confirmation

(3) The Surveyor General shall indicate his <u>confirmation</u> on the plans, if he is satisfied that the survey has been carried out in conformity with this Act and that the survey and plans are satisfactory to the minister of the department of the Government of Canada or the Commissioner administering the Canada Lands in respect of which the survey was made.

Effect of confirmation

(4) On confirmation by the Surveyor General, the plans shall be deemed to be <u>official plans</u> under this Act.

Confirmation of plans

(5) No survey of Canada Lands under this Part shall be deemed to be completed until the plans thereof have been <u>confirmed under this section</u>.



PLAN OF SURVEY OF

PARTS OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF KINISTIN INDIAN RESERVE NO. 91 WITHIN SECTIONS 2, 3, 4 & 5 TOWNSHIP 42 - RANGE 16 - W.2M.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Confirmationby the Surveyor
General Branch



Part E: What type of Survey Plan to Use?

Part E

Determining What Type of Survey Plan to Use for a proposed transaction

"Do you have the right tool for the job?"



Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement:

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between INAC and the SGB

...prescribes which survey plan products to use for specific types of land transactions involving Reserve lands.

Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement related to the

COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF SURVEYS AND

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF LAND FOR TRANSACTIONS ON RESERVE LANDS

1.0 DEFINITIONS

"Administrative Plan" refers to a survey plan which is approved pursuant to Section 31 of the CLSA. As a general rule, Administrative Plans will be used for all new internal subdivisions or other surveys related to internal interests in Reserve Lands.

"Agreement" refers to this Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement.

"CLSA" refers to the Canada Lands Surveys Act [R.S.C. 1985, c. L-6].

"CLSR" refers to the Canada Lands Surveys Records in Ottawa

"Exclusive Use" refers to an interest in land of an exclusive nature such as a Band allotment, or lease and sub-leases.

"Exclusive Use Parcel" is a closed polygon of land, with a unique descriptor, used or intended to be used to describe the extent and location of an Exclusive Use interest in the land. Generally, these parcels are shown on a Plan of Survey.

"Non-exclusive Use" refers to an interest in land for a limited purpose such as an access right-of-way or permit for a specific use. A Non-exclusive Use interest does not sever or subdivide the Exclusive Use Parcel on which it is situated.

"Non-exclusive Use Parcel" is a closed polygon of land used to describe a Non-exclusive Use interest in land such as a right-of-way, easement, permit, or any other limited interest. A Non-exclusive Use Parcel does not sever or subdivide the Exclusive Use Parcel on which it is situated. Generally these parcels are shown on an Explanatory Plan.

"Official Plan" refers to a survey plan which is confirmed pursuant to Section 29 of the CLSA. As a general rule, Official Plans will be used for the survey of jurisdictional boundaries of Reserve Lands or parcels which will create a jurisdictional boundary once a land transaction has been completed.

"Registry" includes the Indian Lands Registry System, the First Nations Lands Registry System and the Self-Government Lands Registry System as applicable.

"Reserve Lands" refers to surrendered lands or a reserve, as those expressions are defined in the *Indian Act [R.S.C. 1985, c.I-5]*, other than reserve lands described in



Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement & Chart A:

Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement related to the Cooperation in the area of Surveys and the Specifications for Descriptions of Land for Transactions on Reserve Lands (Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement)

4.10 Transactions recorded in the First Nations Land Registry or a registry created by Self-Government Land Registry will contain an adequate land description as specified in regulations specific to those registries. In the <u>absence of an agreement specifying survey requirements</u> for transactions filed in these registries, Chart A in Section 10.0 will be applied.



Chart A - Guideline for minimum Land Description Requirements

10.0 CHART A - GUIDELINE FOR MINIMUM LAND DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS

Land Transaction Purpose	Minimum Description Requirement note 1, 2
I ADDITIONS TO RESERVE	Provincial Plan recorded in CLSR
II BAND VOTE FOR DESIGNATION	Explanatory Plan (Administrative Plan)
III DISPOSITION OF RESERVE note 3	
a) Surrender of Parcel	Plan of Survey (Official Plan)
b) Highway / Right of Way Transfer note 4	Plan of Survey (Official Plan)



Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement & Chart A:

Department of Natural Resources
Approved for Recording in the C.L.S.R.

JUNE 22 2009

Dewey Hoplock

Date

Head, Manitoba Client Liaison Unit

Western Region

Surveyor General Branch



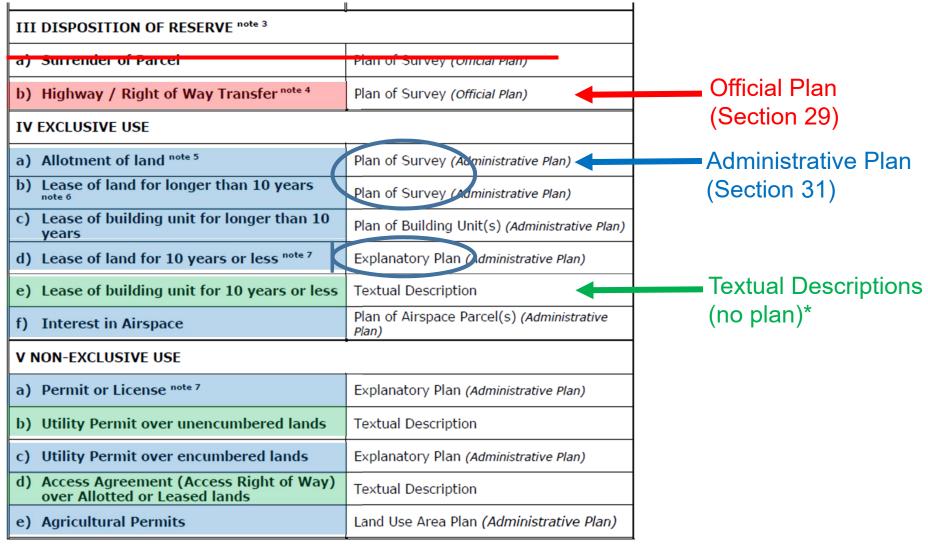
Chart A - Guideline for minimum Land Description Requirements

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Chart A - Guideline for minimum Land Description Requirements





Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement & Chart A

Things to consider:

- Type of transaction
- Length of transaction (if applicable)
- •Can an existing survey plan be used?
 - Confirm with FNLRS Registry

Once the Survey Plan has been recorded in the CLSR, you need to <u>update the title</u> for that parcel in order for the new survey plan to apply to the parcel.



Part F

The Process for an Administrative Plan and the Roles of the Parties





Example:

- Allocate a parcel of land to a Member
- No existing survey plan can be used
- 1. Determine the type of Survey plan required for the transaction from "Chart A"



Plan of Survey (Administrative Plan)



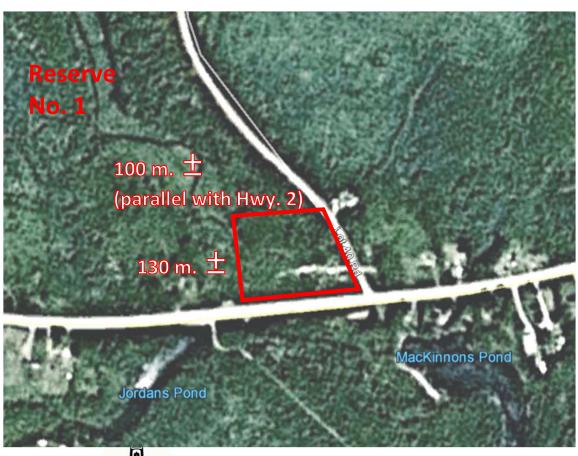
- 2. Prepare the documentation to obtain an estimate for this survey:
- □ Sketch of the area to be surveyed



Sketch:

- Specify the location of the proposed survey
- If an existing survey plan cannot be used for the sketch; other documents (such as a snapshot from Google Earth, as shown here) can be used.

Approximate distances (±) should be noted or a description of the area to be encompassed by the survey should be noted on the sketch.





- 2. Prepare the documentation to obtain an estimate for this survey:
- ✓ Sketch of the area to be surveyed
- ☐ Land Status Report



Land Status Report:

Specify the location of the survey (the name of the Reserve and the First Nation)

- The present land status?
- Encumbrances?
- Proposed Land Transaction?
- Parties to the Proposed Transaction?
- Pending Transactions?

*A Land Status Report is no longer a "requirement" in the process, but it still should be done to ensure proper due diligence in this process (for both the First Nation and the Surveyor)

Samples are included in the Land Governance Manual:

https://labrc.com/resources/land-governance-manual/

LAND STATUS REPORT		
Prepared for: (Surveyor)	Prepared by:	
Name: Address:	Name: Address:	
Audi ess.	Address.	
Phone:	Phone:	
eMail:	eMail:	
Indian Reserve:	Band:	
Land shown in First Nation Land Registry (FNLRS) as:		
Present Land Status is:		
Band Land □ Surrendered/Designated Land □ Individual Land Holding □		
FNLRS shows lands registered as:		
CP 🗆 #, Name:		
NE 🗆 #, Name:		
Cardex 🗆 #, Name:		
Permit/Lease		
Are there any encumbrances such as easements, rights-of-way, mortgages, or unsurveyed roads that		
affect this land?		
No □		
Yes , Specify:		
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Proposed Land Transaction		
Will a transaction based on this plan be registered in the FNLRS?		
No □, Plan will be used for:		
Yes □, Specify:		
If used for a lease, specify term length:		
Who are the parties to the proposed transaction?		
l 		
Are there any pending transactions that might affect this parcel?		
No 🗆		
Yes , Specify:		
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- 2. Prepare the documentation to obtain an estimate for this survey:
- ✓ Sketch of the area to be surveyed
- √ Land Status Report
- ☐ Timeframe for survey







3. Contact the Surveyor(s) & request an estimate(s)

For surveys involving interior boundaries, a surveyor has to be commissioned and licenced as a Canada Lands Surveyor (at a minimum). Where the survey involves a common boundary with Provincial lands, the surveyor will also require a provincial survey commission/licence to perform the survey.

Association of Canada Lands Surveyors:

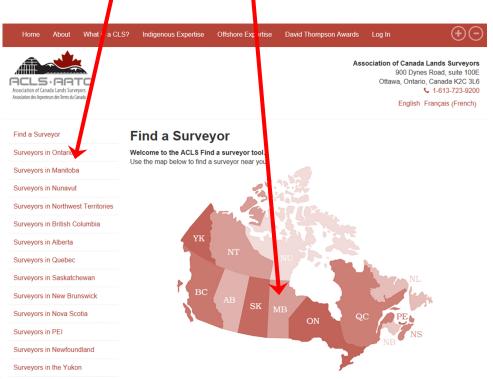
https://www.acls-aatc.ca

Click on: Public

Click on: Find a Surveyor in your area

Click on: either the Province on the left side

column or on the Province (on the map)





3. Contact the Surveyor(s) & request an estimate(s)



Review the estimate(s) & Hire the Surveyor



- Agreement in writing?
- Timeframe?
- Who is party to the agreement?
- Communication and expectations?



4. Surveyor requests Survey Instructions from SGB office:

☐ **Permission** to enter the Reserve

to conduct the survey

- □ Sketch of the area to be surveyed
- ☐ Land Status Report
- Type of Survey plan





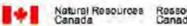
5. Field work is completed and (preliminary) Survey plan is prepared:

The *(preliminary)* Survey plan needs to be reviewed and approved by the First Nation

Compare it to the Survey instructions







Ressources naturelles Canada

Survey Instructions

Project number: 201814001 Issued to: Jane Doe, CLS, OLS

Project Summary

Description:

Survey of Lots 12 & 13 (Road)

Beaver Creek Indian Reserve No. 9

Region of survey: ONTARIO

Location of survey: Beaver Creek Indian Reserve No. 9,

Type of survey: Section 31

Parcel Designators / Survey Description

Plan of Lots 12 and 13 (Road) in Beaver Creek Indian Reserve No. 9

Specific Requirements

Band Liaison: John Smith

Lands Coordinator, Beaver Creek First Nation

lands.coordinator@e-mail.com



5. Field work is completed and (preliminary) Survey plan is prepared:

The *(preliminary)* Survey plan needs to be reviewed and approved by the First Nation



- Survey instructions
- Sketch
- Is this what you asked for?





6. The Surveyor submits the *(preliminary)*Survey plan and First Nation approval to the SGB:

The SGB will review the plan and accompanying documents

• If the plan meets the legislative requirements (and passes the Survey Document Checklist), the Plan is signed by the SGB Representative & recorded in the Canada Lands Surveys Records

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Part F: Roles of the Parties

First Nation

- Determine type of survey plan required
- Prepare the required documents (LSR, sketch, permission, etc.)
- Hire the Surveyor
- Review & approve the survey plan

Surveyor

- Assist with preparing the documents (if requested)
- Submit documents & request the survey instructions from SGB
- Conduct the survey & prepare plan
- Submit plan to the First
 Nation for their review and approval (discuss the survey/plan if requested)
- Submit plan & approval to the SGB

SGB

- Issue the survey instructions
- Provide
 assistance/advice to
 the First Nation and
 Surveyor (where
 requested)
- Review plan & (if acceptable) record in the CLSR



Part F: Issues with the Survey?

- What happens if the Surveyor doesn't do what was requested or isn't getting the survey done on time?
- Talk to the Surveyor & refer to the written agreement*
- Contact the Registrar of the ACLS:

https://www.acls-aatc.ca/public-home/public-protection/

All complaints must be submitted in writing to:

Association of Canada Lands
Surveyors
c/o The Registrar
900 Dynes Rd., Suite 100E
Ottawa ON K2C 3I 6

When filing a complaint, you can expect:

- That all complaints will be kept confidential.
- To be informed on the progress of the complaint
- To be notified in writing of any decision
- In all cases, to be treated fairly



Review of Parts D, E & F:

PARTS D, E & F:

Survey Plan Review Exercises



Plan 6:

