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DIRECTOR OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING
THE REPLY TO THIS LETTER SHOULD BE MARKED
FOR THE ATTENTION OF:



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SURVEYS AND MAPPING BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS,
AND WATER RESOURCES
VICTORIA, B.C.

June 22, 1970

Circular Letter to British Columbia Land Surveyors
and Registrars of the Land Registry Offices

Sir:

Re: Section 53 of the Land Act of 1970

Certificates to include unregistered land,
within a subdivision plan, e.g. water
areas excepted from the Crown Grant.

The procedure for an application under Section 53 will be as
follows:

1. The subdivisor or his agent will provide the Director of Lands with three copies of a preliminary plan of the proposed subdivision, which shall show the unregistered land which is to be included.
2. Where necessary, the Land Inspector will be requested to examine the area covered by the proposed subdivision.
3. Upon receipt and perusal of the report if a Certificate is to be signed, the applicant will be advised accordingly.
4. Prior to submitting the proposed subdivision plan to the Registrar for deposit the surveyor should draught the following certificate on the plan:

Certificate under Section 53 - Land Act

The unregistered land included within
this plan, which was not included in a
grant from the Crown, need not be retained.

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5. The Registrar, if prepared to accept the plan for deposit should forward the plan to the Director of Lands with a covering letter indicating it is otherwise acceptable for deposit.
6. The plan will then be forwarded to the Minister for signing of the Certificate.
7. The plan will then be returned to the Registrar and the surveyor advised accordingly.

It would be of great assistance to the Department if the surveyor, when forwarding the plan to the Registrar, and the Registrar when forwarding the plan to the Director of Lands, would quote the Department's file number.



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