

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



YOUR FILE No.

Circular letter #243.

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DIRECTOR AND SURVEYOR-GENERAL X
FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION
LEGAL SURVEYS DIVISION
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SURVEYS AND MAPPING BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS,
AND WATER RESOURCES
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

August 20, 1973.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS.

Dear Sir:

Re: Farmland and Sec. 8(11)
Land Commission Act.

Very recently there have been several pieces of correspondence and directives dealing with the above matter. Based on a letter from the Chairman of the Provincial Land Commission directives as to how to handle subdivisions in the present interim period have been sent from the Senior Approving Officer to Highways Approving Officers and from the Director of Legal Services to all Registrars of title.

As a result, in preparing subdivision plans for registration there are two forms of procedure either of which will be acceptable to the Registrars as follows:-

1. A certificate separate from the plan in the following form:-
"I (name of officer) the Plans Approving Officer for (name of municipality or unorganized district), hereby certify that the lands intended to be subdivided by that proposed plan of subdivision prepared by (name of B.C.L.S.) whose oath of superintendence and correctness was sworn on (date of B.C.L.S. oath) regarding (general description prior to subdivision) were not zoned for agricultural or farm use under a by-law of a municipality or regional district subsisting immediately prior to the twenty-first of December, 1972."

Approving Officer for _____

Date _____

2. A certificate endorsed on the plan itself in the following form:-
"I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Lands within this plan were not zoned for agricultural or farm use under a by-law, subsisting immediately prior to the 21st of December, 1972, of a municipality or regional district.

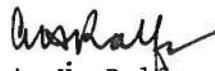
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I prefer 1. above - the certificate separate from the plan - because:-

- (a) There may be a number of plans already in the Land Registry Offices awaiting this clearance. The plans in nearly all cases can be held there awaiting the necessary certificate rather than having to be shipped back to the surveyor or agent.
- (b) Such endorsements on plans are only desirable where otherwise there might be the danger of the plan being registered without a certificate ever showing up - such as a restrictive covenant (my Circular Letter #233). However there is no such danger here.

The above is a temporary procedure in force until the final designations under the Act have been made and a new procedure released.



A: H. Ralston,
Surveyor-General and Director,
Surveys and Mapping Branch.

To British Columbia Land Surveyors
Clipping from the B. C. Gazette Pt. II
July 26, 1973
for your information

B.C. Reg. 203/73

LAND REGISTRY ACT

REGULATION MADE BY ORDER IN COUNCIL 2298, APPROVED JULY 5, 1973,
AMENDING B.C. REG. 187/73, MADE BY ORDER IN COUNCIL 2212, AP-
PROVED JUNE 27, 1973, PURSUANT TO SECTION 89.

The regulation is amended by adding thereto the words "and, additionally, where a subdivision plan deals with lands in unorganized territory, a fee of \$10 for each parcel within the subdivision." so that the regulation will then read as follows:

"The fee payable to an approving officer on tender of a subdivision plan for examination and approval is \$10 and, additionally, where a subdivision plan deals with lands in unorganized territory, a fee of \$10 for each parcel within the subdivision."

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Surveyor General

August 17th, 1973