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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

In order to reduce the time required to issue survey instructions, this office will rely on the surveyor's knowledge of the general survey instructions and, consequently, letters of instructions for surveys will be considerably shortened.

Our intent is to provide additional guidance only where necessary to deal with extraordinary circumstances which are not addressed in the general instructions.

Information which has, in the recent past, been included in letters of instructions is hereinafter detailed for future reference.

1. Roads dealt with by Section 69(1) through 69(7) shall be called "road" in all cases and shall be considered to be within the parcel under survey. Posting shall continue pursuant to Section 69(7) for roads along a boundary of the parcel under survey.
2. Walkways along the shore of a body of water will also be considered to be within the parcel under survey.
3. Areas shall be shown as follows with modification as necessary:

Total area of (designation of parcel)	=	ha.
Less road ( __ parts)	=	ha.
Less walkway	=	ha.
Less (river, lake, creek, etc.)	=	ha.
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Remainder	=	ha.

4. In surveying foreshore parcels or rights of way over bodies of water adjoining Crown land, the present natural boundary shall be used and shall be considered to be the upland limit of the application.

Where foreshore parcels or rights of way over bodies of water abut private land, the boundary adjacent the upland will usually be the boundary as shown on the plan and/or field notes upon which the upland title is based. Where an error in the upland survey which could be dealt with by the upland owner under Section 94(1)(b) of the Land Title Act exists, or where an accretion to the upland exists, the present natural boundary shall be used to determine the upland limit. Extreme care must be exercised to ensure that the general principles outlined in Circular Letter #334 and Section 94 of the Land Title Act are adhered to in determining the extent of the upland title. In any case, the present natural boundary and the title boundary must be shown on the plan.

Limits of fill within foreshore parcels must also be shown on the plan and designated as such.

5. Returns consisting of three paper prints accompanied by a printout of all closures showing stations where necessary, should be forwarded with a covering letter. Any deviation from the general instructions or the letter of instructions should be explained. The original mylar shall not be forwarded until the surveyor has received a request to do so.
6. If bearings have been derived from a Land Title Office plan, please forward a copy in order that returns can be processed without undue delay. If such a plan is not included, we will order a copy from the Land Title Office and examination of your plan will await its arrival.
7. Searches of Land Title Office records will remain the responsibility of the land surveyor.
8. All necessary approvals should be obtained for surveys performed on Crown lands under the Land Title Act prior to submission of the final mylar.

Additional guidance and information may be readily obtained from this office.

Yours sincerely,



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and Director