



OUR FILE

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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Mathematical Closure of Plans

Historically, draughting errors have been the greatest cause of misclosures on plans of surveys.

The number of computer generated plans submitted to this office for examination over the past year or so has increased dramatically. This fact, together with the requirements of the new regulations for all surveys to be balanced to eliminate field misclosure and for all plans to show balanced dimensions, has greatly affected the need for our staff to carry out detailed mathematical checks on most plans. Draughting errors have been considerably reduced where mechanized methods are used and, with balanced dimensions, the location of a misclosure is generally easy to isolate.

The practice of performing detailed mathematical examination of plans has, therefore, been discontinued by this office. You will no longer be required to submit a printout of computer closures with your plans and Sections 84(1) and 242(1) of the General Survey Instructions will be amended in due course to reflect this change.

Surveyor General Branch staff will continue to examine plans for sufficiency and interpretation of old evidence and for compliance with the General Survey Instructions.

Where errors in plans are discovered subsequent to confirmation or deposit in a Land Title Office, the responsibility clearly lies with the surveyor and statutory declarations will be required to effect any necessary corrections. Depending on the circumstances, a new plan may well be required, by this office or the Registrar, to accompany the statutory declaration.

These changes will apply to all plans, including block outline, highway, forest road and railway plans.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. A. DUFFY', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

D. A. DUFFY
Surveyor General
and Director