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**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 388**

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**CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS**

**Re: General Survey Instructions**

Effective March 1, 1996, B. C. Regulation No. 156/91 (the General Survey Instruction Regulations) will be repealed and B. C. Regulation No. 33/96 will become effective.

Land surveyors with binders will receive one copy of the new regulation per binder with this letter. Those land surveyors without binders, may purchase a binder and contents from this office for \$17.50 plus GST.

In order to allow land surveyors and Land Title Office staff to become familiar with any new provisions, a period of leniency in the enforcement of the new provisions will apply. Plans dated prior to March 1, 1996 will, of course, be accepted under the old instructions. While land surveyors should make every effort to comply with the new instructions, plans dated prior to June 1, 1996 will be accepted if prepared under either the old or new instructions. Plans dated June 1, 1996 or later must comply with the new instructions.

While land surveyors are responsible for adherence to all of the new instructions, the following notes may be of assistance in highlighting substantial changes.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Ringwood  
Surveyor General

PR:np

Attachment

### **Sections 29(2) and (3)**

Preferred siting of monuments is in sidewalks, curbs or on boulevards--not in intersections.

### **Sections 41(5) and 46(3)**

Allows bearings to be derived by closed traverse between integrated survey area monuments which are not intervisible, where impracticable to use direct observations between intervisible monuments.

### **Sections 63 & 65 and 217 & 219**

Carrier phase differential GPS methods may be used for bearing derivation and ties required by Sections 62 and 216. Note--local bearings must be used except in integrated survey areas.

### **Sections 94 & 95, 151 & 152 and 175 & 176**

Bearings may be derived by GPS methods. Note--local bearings must be used except in integrated survey areas.

### **Section 104(5)**

Except for posting plans, posts must be set at 1 km (or less) intervals along *Land Title Act* parcel boundaries if parcel boundary exceeds 1.5 km.

### **Section 105**

Intersections of boundaries of new *Land Title Act* parcels having an area of 1 ha or less with existing rights of way or easements must henceforth be posted.

### **Sections 116, 203, 206 and 210**

Many changes to signature blocks (not just signatures)--please update your CAD systems.

### **Section 127**

Surveyor must retrace and post boundaries of land subject to strata plan and show same on strata plan.

### **Old Section 159**

Repealed.

### **Part II**

New part with sample plans. Note, in particular, Section 270.