

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 440A

(This Letter updates Circular Letter No. 440 originally issued February 23, 2009)

Amended July 11, 2018

TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Surveyor General Fees for Examination of Survey Plans related to Mineral Title Surveys

As a result of Bill 12, 2007, section 42 of the *Mineral Tenure Act* was amended such that the Chief Gold Commissioner determines if and when a survey is required of a mineral title to allow the mineral title to be taken to lease. Further, the Chief Gold Commissioner can order that only portions of the boundaries of a mineral title need be surveyed (see also [Circular Letter No. 435](#) dated April 23, 2007). However, it is also quite possible that the owner of a mineral title will request survey work be conducted.

As such, it is possible that complete surveys of entire mineral titles may be undertaken, it is possible that surveys of portions of mineral title boundaries may be performed and it is possible that surveys can be performed both before and after a mineral title is taken to lease. Only surveys undertaken as a requirement of the Chief Gold Commissioner for taking a mineral title to lease, and Mining Lease Reduction surveys, are to be prepared pursuant to the *Mineral Tenure Act*.

Surveys conducted at the request of an owner of a mineral title, rather than at the request of the Chief Gold Commissioner, and all surveys conducted after a mineral lease has been issued (other than Mining Lease Reduction surveys) are to be prepared pursuant to section 7 of the *Land Act*.

Survey plans prepared pursuant to either the *Mineral Tenure Act* or the *Land Act* are submitted to the Surveyor General for filing in the Crown Land Registry.

Fees:

Surveyor General Examination fees for survey plans are shown in the [LTSA Fee Listing](#).

Examination fees for survey plans prepared pursuant to the *Mineral Tenure Act* are shown in the Statutory Service under the *Mineral Tenure Act* part of the Fee Listing.

Examination fees for survey plans associated with mineral titles, but prepared pursuant to section 7 of the *Land Act*, are to be calculated using section 8 of the Administrative Services part of the Fee Listing.

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Fee calculations for section 1 of the Statutory Service under the *Mineral Tenure Act* part of the Fee Schedule are to be based upon the number of cells contained within the survey plan. The number of cells or claims involved in a plan resulting from a partial survey is the number of cells or claims bounded by the heavy outline on the plan.

The examination fee for all other survey plans associated with mineral titles, other than those listed above, is the fee listed as item 3 in *Statutory Service under the Land Act* within the Fee Listing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Thomson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Surveyor General of British Columbia