

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 461

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TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Block Outline Survey - Section 69(3), Land Title Act

The Surveyor General has statutory authority to allow deferred monumentation of certain surveys in accordance with section 69(3) of the *Land Title Act*.

This Circular Letter applies to applications under section 69(3), *Land Title Act*, for subdivision and bare land strata plans and plans ancillary to the subdivision or bare land strata plan.

Please contact our office should you wish to discuss requirements for block outline methods of posting for highway or forest service road plans.

An application, containing the information outlined in the application checklist (<u>http://www.ltsa.ca/cms/application-checklist</u>), must be made to this office to seek permission to conduct a survey under the block outline method. Applications should be submitted through the Electronic Filing System (EFS).

The land surveyor must make all reasonable efforts to ensure that their control monuments will survive the construction phase of the development and are positioned to provide a solid control network for posting after construction is complete. If the survey is located within an Integrated Survey Area (ISA), there may be an opportunity to use ISA monuments as block outline control monuments as long as the ISA monuments are located within close proximity to the survey.

Once an application has been approved, the plan or plans utilizing the deferred method of posting may be submitted, together with the applicable fee, through EFS. Additionally, a letter of undertaking to complete the posting within one year, or within the time period approved by the Surveyor General, signed by the land surveyor responsible for the block outline plan, must accompany this submission.

One final posting plan is required for each plan that utilized the deferred method of posting and must be submitted to the Surveyor General within the timeframe approved by the Surveyor General in his Block Outline Order, unless an extension of time for completion of posting is approved. These plans may be submitted through EFS for approval.

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Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia Suite 200 - 1321 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 9J3 Phone: 250 387 7280 • 1 877 577 5872 Fax: 250 387 1830 www.ltsa.ca The Surveyor General may grant an extension of time for completion of posting. A request for extension, which clearly states the reasons for the request, must be submitted for consideration at least one month prior to the expiration of the originally approved time period. Applications for extension should be sent by email to surveyor.general@ltsa.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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