

**SURVEYS AND MAPPING BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS
VICTORIA, B.C.**



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REFERENCE TO SURVEYS, MAPS,
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June 1, 1961.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL B.C. LAND SURVEYORS

Sir:

re: Plans Supporting Applications Under The Quieting Titles Act

An amendment to the Act in 1960 requires that all supporting documents, as well as the petition, will be served on the Attorney General (1960 ch.327 S.11(a)).

The practice is for all survey plans in support of such applications for accreted lands to be referred to the Department of Lands and this Branch for comment.

It is necessary that these plans show the nature of the land, i.e. type of soil, vegetation by species, and if on inland lakes, the elevation of the area in relation to the Highwater Mark of the lake as defined in the Land Act Amendment Act of 1961.

If the application is fronting tidal lands in remote areas, or areas where the Highwater Mark definition is practicable to apply, the same treatment will suffice. However, in tidal lands such as the lower reaches of the Fraser River and in Boundary Bay, etc., it will be necessary for the levels to be based on Geodetic datum. The actual geodetic elevation of the mean high tide line must be shown.

If there are any areas, spots or channels within the perimeter of the application which are below mean high tide, these must be clearly shown as well.

It is frequently the practice of solicitors to approach the Superintendent of Lands before initiating a petition, requesting an indication as to whether the Crown would oppose it. When plans are prepared by land surveyors for this purpose the above-mentioned data on the plan are required.

Yours truly,

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Surveyor-General and Director.