

SURVEYS AND MAPPING BRANCH

**DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS,
AND WATER RESOURCES**

VICTORIA, B.C.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN REFERENCE TO SURVEYS, MAPS,
AND AIR PHOTOS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE
DIRECTOR OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING
THE REPLY TO THIS LETTER SHOULD BE MARKED
FOR THE ATTENTION OF: 180

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March 1, 1963

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL B. C. LAND SURVEYORS

Sir:

In an alarming number of cases this Department is experiencing an excessive time lag between the issuance of instructions to the surveyor appointed by the applicant for Crown land, and the receipt in the Department of acceptable field notes and plan. In some instances the time lag has endured for periods up to 3 or more years, in most cases for reasons over which the surveyor had little control. Obviously this situation is not compatible with the proper administration of Crown lands.

You will appreciate that when a surveyor applies to this office for survey instructions, he is assuming an obligation to carry out the necessary survey at the earliest opportunity, and it also must be understood by all concerned that there is an agreement between surveyor and client to this effect.

To improve the situation, I shall now be obliged to incorporate with my instructions to surveyors the requirement that the survey shall be done and the necessary returns filed in my office in close accordance with Sections 48 and 51(2) collectively of the Land Act but in any case not later than one year from the date of the said letter of instructions.

If the above requirement is not met, the instructions will be considered cancelled and must be returned to this office, at which time the Department will consider cancellation of the application.

Yours truly,

G. S. Andrews,
Surveyor-General and Director
of Surveys and Mapping Branch