

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE
DIRECTOR OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING
THE REPLY TO THIS LETTER SHOULD BE MARKED
FOR THE ATTENTION OF:



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

7 March 1968.

Circular Letter to All B. C. Land Surveyors.

Re: General Instructions for Surveys under
the Land Act - B. C. Regulation 301/59.

It is my intention, on a trial basis, as a general rule to dispense with the requirement for field notes previously filed in the time honoured fashion, which consisted of inside cover, split-line field note pages and a traverse table as part of the survey returns for "Land Act" surveys.

While the complete field notes may, as before, be called for on occasion as part of the survey returns from this office, unless so requested the returns will consist only of a Survey Plan as described under Secs. 5.15, 5.16, etc., of B.C. Reg. 301/59 but modified as follows to show:-

- (1) Details of any line trees, offsets to improvements and useful notations concerning topography.
- (2) Where necessary for clarity by a detailed drawing on the plan showing
 - (a) a complete boundary or part thereof in split-line form
 - (b) a natural boundary traverse with intricate shortline detail and offsets
 - (c) an enlarged inset drawing of any special point detail.

Although I am sure your fullest cooperation will be given in supplying detail in Survey Plan form as it was with the field note form, what is clear to the compiler is not always so to the examiner and occasionally plans will be returned which appear to this office to require more detail.

This change from field notes to Survey Plan comes at a time when this Branch is involved (along with other departments of government) in basic planning for future microfilming and storage of records. Standardization of drawing sizes is a prerequisite to success and economy in miniaturization and blow-back of plans.

In view of this it has been decided to accept the standard sheet sizes used by most engineering firms and material suppliers as the basis for Survey Plans which in future are to conform to the following authorized sheet sizes:-

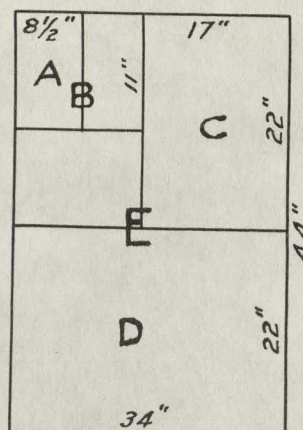
A - 8 1/2" x 11" -

B - 11" x 17" -

C - 17" x 22" -

D - 22" x 34" -

E - 34" x 44" -



The scales at which plans can be plotted are by present regulation 1000, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200 or 100 feet - to the inch. My feeling is that this variety of scales is unnecessary but as yet this office has not had sufficient experience with the larger area surveys in plan form on which to base an amendment to the authorized scales. After the new plan procedure has been in operation for a few months it may develop that plans can be restricted to 3 or 4 scales in place of the present 7.

Your cooperation in using the smallest sheet size and scale possible to maintain clarity in the drawing will be appreciated. These Survey Plans, will all become Official Plans (there will be no replotting of notes as at present to create an Official Plan) so that there will be a much wider use and a greater number of prints required to be made in this office for the lease and purchase procedures. Considerable saving in file space and material can be affected with smaller drawings.

Finally you are urged to maintain a high standard of draughtsmanship and to ensure there is sufficient line weight and lettering size to enable the larger size drawings to be reduced to half scale and still be readable. Plans being received at present are for the most part to a very good standard of draughting but there are the usual notable exceptions which, of necessity, will have to be rejected.

All outstanding survey instructions under the Land Act for which field notes have been requested are now amended to require the submission of a Survey Plan only, under the above conditions.

G. S. Andrews,
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Surveys and Mapping Branch