

## A New Home

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The Canadian Council of Land Surveyors has recently moved offices from Ottawa to Scarborough, now sharing space with the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors.

This means new phone and fax numbers for CCLS. To reach CCLS, dial **toll-free 1-800-241-7200 within Canada** or **fax** the office at **(416) 491-2576**. CCLS is also speeding up the on-ramp onto the information highway. You may also e-mail the Council at [ccls@interlog.com](mailto:ccls@interlog.com).

This section will now be a regular feature of the magazine, highlighting some of the activities of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors. In fact, this report will be forwarded to all provincial associations for inclusion in their magazine or newsletter.

For this first issue, however, we thought it important to answer two questions for the members of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and the Institute of Survey Technology of Ontario. "What is CCLS?" and "Why should it be housed within the AOLS office?"

### What is CCLS?

The Canadian Council of Land Surveyors is a federation of nine provincial survey associations (Quebec having left three years ago). The purpose of CCLS is to represent surveyors and surveying on a national basis and co-ordinate specific projects among CCLS directors where there is a topic of definite national interest and where the project is too big for any one province.

The "members" of CCLS are the provinces themselves with each association appointing one director to sit on the board. To ensure continuity, each association is asked to appoint a director for a three-year term.

This year, the president of CCLS is Doug Simmonds from Ottawa, who is also the past-president of the AOLS.

CCLS's primary source of funding is through the membership levy. In 1996, each association will pay a levy based on \$50 times the number of cadastral, geodetic, hydrographic, and photogrammetric surveyors in that province.

CCLS also receives revenue from organizations advertising in *Focus* magazine which offsets the cost of printing the publication.

This funding goes toward completing several key projects each year. Last year, the AOLS received money from CCLS to offset its research into the title insurance issue. In exchange, the title insurance presentation was made available to all member associations. In addition, CCLS co-ordinated the preparation of the *Contracting Surveying Services* manual which is available from either the AOLS or CCLS.

This year, the Board of Directors approved work on several projects, including NAFTA (reciprocity in surveying services between Canada and the USA), International Relations (an examination of how provincial associations consider land surveyors who seek a licence in Canada), Co-operation Within the Survey Profession (exactly what it sounds like), Public Relations (ideas to better promote the profession) and several others. A more complete report on the activities of these projects will appear in *Focus* magazine.

There are also two ongoing committees. The Board of Examiners Co-ordinating Committee (BECC) reviews and accredits university programs in Canada offering survey and geomatics programs. The Professional Liability Insurance Committee negotiates the best possible program with a broker who then, in turn, offers the program to CCLS constituent members as a CCLS group program, often accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the committee chairman. This program has been a value-added service to surveyors outside of Ontario, which

has had its own professional liability insurance program for over 15 years.

### Why Should CCLS Be Housed Within the AOLS?

A proposal to house the CCLS office was initiated by AOLS Executive Director Carl Rooth following the resignation of then-Office Manager Diane Sims to pursue a new venture with the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

Carl met with the AOLS Executive Committee to get their approval to submit a formal proposal. This proposal was subsequently accepted by the CCLS Board of Directors and the AOLS Council.

The proposal is a business arrangement. The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors agrees to house CCLS within the AOLS office at 1043 McNicoll Avenue in exchange for rent, office management and repayment of basic office expenses (photocopying, postage and the like).

This is a win-win situation for everyone. The AOLS receives funds for housing CCLS without any additional financial obligation. CCLS receives a new home with new personnel at a reduced rate from what they were paying in Ottawa.

There is absolutely no increase in the size of the staff at the AOLS office. Brian Munday has taken over as Executive Director of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors. He still retains his other hats as General Manager of ISTO, Editor of this magazine and Secretary to the Educational Foundation. Brian is able to juggle all of these responsibilities through passing over more of the administrative functions into the very capable hands of Desirée Davis.

Watch for further reports from the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors in this section of the magazine.

