

**Jean L. Gagnon**, CLS, NBLs, P.Eng.

Director General and Surveyor General, Surveyor General Branch



Jean Gagnon was appointed Surveyor General and Director General, Surveyor General Branch on July 17, 2017 following a national competition process. Jean also serves as Canada's Commissioner on the International Boundary Commission and on the Alberta – British Columbia Boundary Commission.

Jean has been with the Surveyor General Branch since 1992. Prior to his appointment as Surveyor General, Jean was the Regional Director responsible for operations in the National Capital Region and the regions of Quebec and the Atlantic provinces. Through the years in NRCan, Jean also served as the Assistant Surveyor General; Program Manager, Canada Boundary Management Program; Head, Survey Regulations and Standards; and Head, Standards.

Prior to joining the federal public service, Jean started his career in the private sector as a project engineer. He was a founding partner of East Coast Surveys Ltd, a firm offering engineering consulting services in New Brunswick. In addition, Jean spent most of two years with the New Brunswick Department of Transportation managing the Department's land surveying contracts program.

Jean has a B.A. of Science in Engineering from the University of New Brunswick. He holds a professional engineering designation (P.Eng.); a New Brunswick Land Surveyor (NBLs) commission; and a Canada Lands Surveyor (CLS) commission.

#### **External Committees/Responsibilities:**

- Canada's Commissioner to the **International Boundary Commission** (IBC) established pursuant to the *treaty between His Majesty King Edward VII and the United States respecting the demarcation of the international boundary between the United States and Canada* signed at Washington on April 11, 1908.
- Statutory member on the **Alberta – British Columbia Boundary Commission** established pursuant to the *Alberta – British Columbia Boundary Act, 1974*.
- Statutory member on the Council of the **Association of Canada Lands Surveyors** (ACLS) established pursuant to the *Canada Lands Surveyors Act*. The Council of the Association is responsible to regulate the Canada Lands Surveying profession. The Council is the delegated authority to make Regulations under the Act, subject to the approval of the Minister of Natural Resources. It reports annually to the Minister and the Minister must lay the report in each House of Parliament within fifteen sitting days.
- Vice-Chair, **Federal Positioning, Navigation and Timing Board** (PNTB). Seven federal partners contribute resources to the Board. Board activities are project based and revolve around Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) issues. The PNT Board reports to the ADM Space Program Integration Board (ADM – SPIB).
- NRCan's representative to the **Northern Federal Council** (Since September 2017).
- Member of the **Canadian Council on Geomatics**. A federal-provincial-territorial consultative body for geographic information management. Chair, the **Cadastral Forum** (chief surveyor from each jurisdiction).