

Council Report – January 1 to March 9, 2021

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors Council met on January 6, February 2 and February 23, 2021. Amongst the items that were discussed were:

- In April 2020, Council decided to apply for a loan under the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program because of the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Council is considering applying for an \$20,000 addition to the CEBA loan but because of the General Bylaws, will need to ask the membership to adopt a couple of extraordinary resolutions.
- Council approved the expenditure for the publishing and printing of the new book on the Canada Lands Surveyors' profession.
- Decision to proceed with drafting a submission to present to the IHO/FIG/ICA International Board of Standards and Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) to renew the Canadian Hydrographer Certification Scheme recognition.
- Approval of the Council Governance Review Calendar for the year 2021.
- Approval of Governance Policy number 1.3 on Governing Method.
- Approval of the Terms of Reference of the Finance Committee.
- Approval of the Terms of Reference of the Canadian Hydrographer Certification Panel.
- Approval of the first draft of the budget for the year 2021. This will be finalized once the Auditors report is produced.
- Approval of wording of the proposed extraordinary resolutions for the CEBA loan.
- Call for a Special General Meeting of members on March 4th to present the extraordinary resolutions.
- Approval of Best Practices pages to be added to the ACLS Web site on following subjects:
 - Equipment Calibration
 - Real Property Reports
 - Real Time Kinetic GPS surveys
- Review of Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS) report for 2020.
- Council sent a letter to the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to support CBEPSs position suggesting that it not set requirements to admit Foreign Trained Land Surveyors.
- Council sent a letter to Cottage Maps to advise not to perform cadastral surveying.
- Review of a draft of the ACLS report for the year 2020.
- Decision to award Honorary Life Membership to Robert William Allen for his illustrious service to the ACLS.
- Approval of the Practice Review Committee Terms of Reference.