

Council Report – June 29 to August 31, 2021

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors Council met on June 29, July 19, August 9 and August 31, 2021. Amongst the items discussed, were the following:

- Awarding of a CLS Commission to Chris Beaugrand
- Awarding ACLS Honorary Membership to Geoffrey Connolly
- Approval of revised governance policies 1.8 on Council Confidentiality, 2.3 of Treatment of Staff, 2.5 on Financial Conditions and Activities and 1.7 on Council Members' Code of Conduct.
- Review of Executive Director Succession Plan. Edits needed.
- Discussion on By-laws amendments. Still a lot of work to be done by the By-laws and Legislation Committee
- Review of proposed guidelines on Council diversity and Election Policy. Edits to be made for next meeting
- Since there are a number of mistakes in the Best Practices pages on First Nations Consultations, Council decided to take the pages off the Web site
- Review of financial reports up to end of June 2021
- Review of a specific document on Executive Limitations. Needs changes for an up coming meeting
- Review of a Council survey on governance training needs. This will serve as a guide for next steps.
- A Councillor raised a number of issues in the By-laws. Since the By-laws and Legislation Committee is presently working a complete overhaul of the By-laws, these issues will be forwarded to the Committee.
- Decision to remove the ACLS Board of Examiners from the governance structure of the Canadian Hydrographer Certification Scheme. The Canadian Hydrographer Certification Panel will report directly to Council
- Approval of the Construction Surveys and Health and Safety Best Practices pages for the Web site
- An amount of \$30,000 from the initial \$40,000 CEBA loan was returned to the Federal Government. The rest will be returned in December.
- Another review of the Executive Limitations. Final version to be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Discussion on amendments to the By-laws. More research needed on control over by-laws.
- Approval of revised Election Policy and Council Diversity Guidelines.
- Decision to not sign the Professional Surveyors Canada agreement on the P. Surv. designation.
- Review of "Talking Points" document and approval.
- Approval of policy 3.2 on Unity of Control. Policy 2.9 needs to be re-written in a positive manner.
- Again review of ED Succession Plan. More edits required.
- Awarding of a CLS Commissions to Cody Baley and Keith Norek
- In respect to the resolution passed at the last business meeting on monument fees to be charged in cases of "parcel renewal projects", Council decided to ask the By-laws and Legislation

Committee to amend the By-laws to set a maximum limit of monument fees to be charged in these special cases.

- More discussion of By-laws amendments (Special General Meetings)
- Appointment of Dave Urso as the new chair of the By-laws and Legislation Committee starting on November 1st, 2021.
- Approval of new policy number 2.9 on Communication and Support to Council
- Review of new Risk Register. Edits needed for next meeting.
- Again review of the ED Succession Plan. More edits needed.
- Decision to change the hydrographer certification program name from Canadian Hydrographer Certification Scheme to International Hydrographer Certification Scheme
- Approval of the new National Syllabus with minor changes recommended by the ACLS Board of Examiners.