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LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE (2)

MISREPRESENTATION

The last bulletin, "Learning from Experience", dealt with field notes, one other major causes of poor surveys, complaints and discipline. Equally a problem is MISREPRESENTATION.

SHOWING ON A. PLAN OF SURVEY INFORMATION WHICH WAS NOT OBTAINED OR CONFIRMED DURING THE COURSE OF THE SURVEY IS A MISREPRESENTATION.

- 1. POOR PRACTICE -when severing parcels from lots, simply tracing the underlying subdivision plan, and adding the Part and calling all bars on the previous plan as found and/or as witness bars without attending on the site. This problem also relates to shore road allowance closings.
- ACCEPTABLE PRACTICE -regardless of the age of the previous plan, sufficient survey work must be undertaken to verify that the bars are still in their original location, whether additional survey monumentation has been planted, whether occupation now affects any boundaries ... and of course field notes must be made to reflect this survey.
- 2. POOR PRACTICE -cutting costs and time during a survey of a parcel which abuts previously surveyed land (either reference plan or other survey) by simply tying into the abutting survey and not confirming or re-surveying the lines
- RESULT -as well as being misleading on the face of the plan as to the amount of work undertaken, this is constantly the cause of poor surveys and has been one of the major items dealt with at the Discipline level.
- 3. POOR PRACTICE -showing as found all bars planted on underlying reference or registered plans without checking to see if the bars still exist or if additional monumentation has been placed.
- ACCEPTABLE PRACTICE -the plan of survey should reflect the ground conditions and the field notes ...what is not on the ground and not in the notes should not appear on the plan.

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT A PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL OPINION MUST BE REACHED REGARDING THE CONFIRMATION OR RE-SURVEYING OF ABUTTING PARCELS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN SURVEYED

- a) by you, 6 months ago; b) by you, 2 years ago;
- c). by you, 15 years ago; d) by another OLS, 6 months ago;
- e) by another OLS, 15 years ago; f) by an OLS, long deceased

Standards Officer