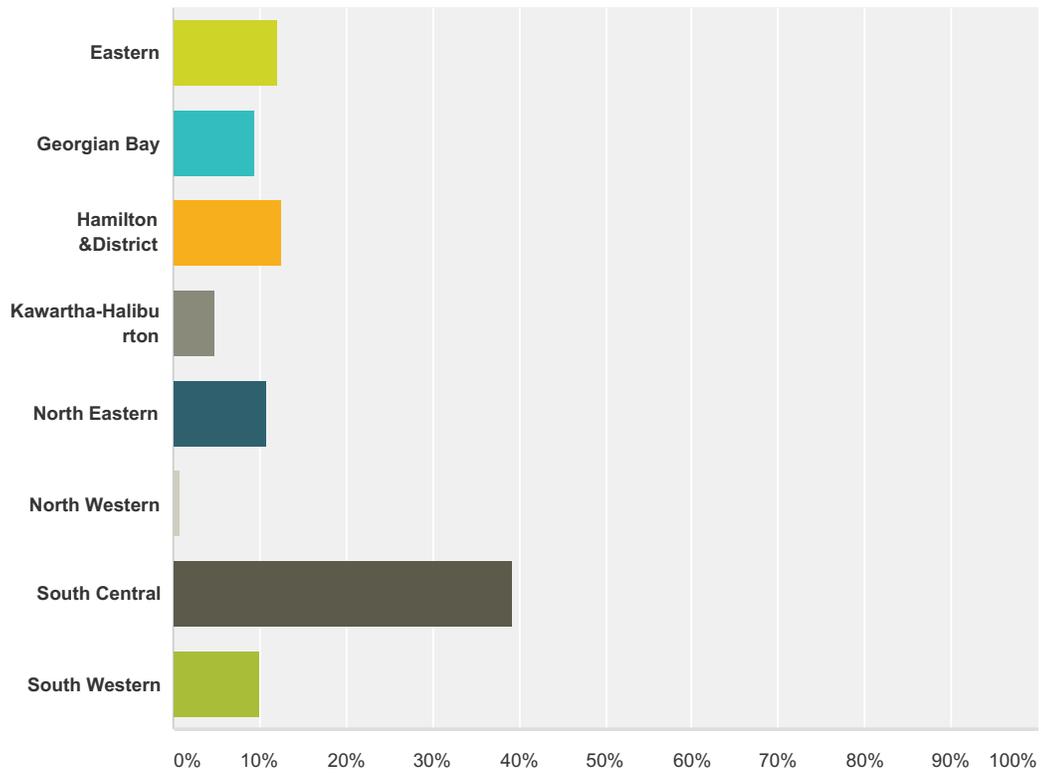


Q1 Which Regional Group do you belong to?

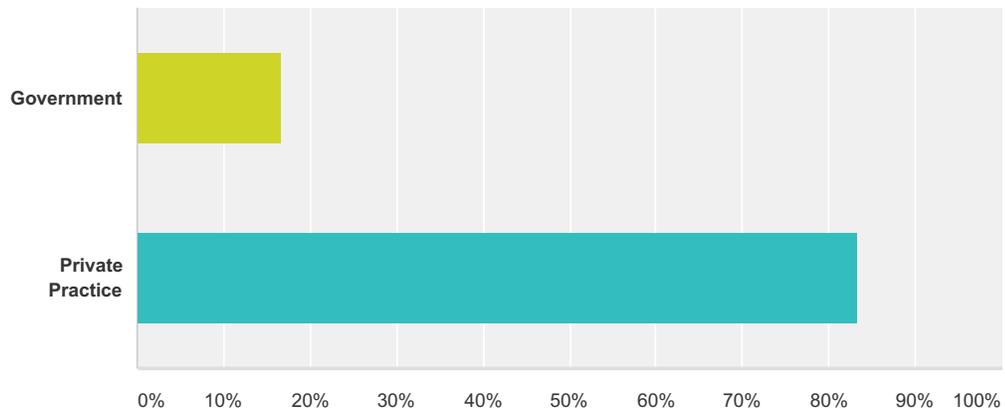
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Answer Choices	Responses
Eastern	12.15% 30
Georgian Bay	9.31% 23
Hamilton & District	12.55% 31
Kawartha-Haliburton	4.86% 12
North Eastern	10.93% 27
North Western	0.81% 2
South Central	39.27% 97
South Western	10.12% 25
Total	247

Q2 Are you in government or in private practice?

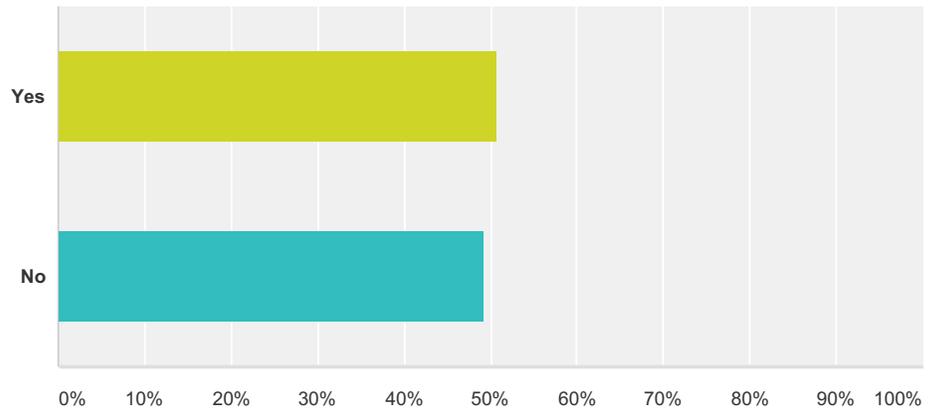
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Answer Choices	Responses
Government	16.67% 41
Private Practice	83.33% 205
Total	246

Q3 Are you a CofA holder?

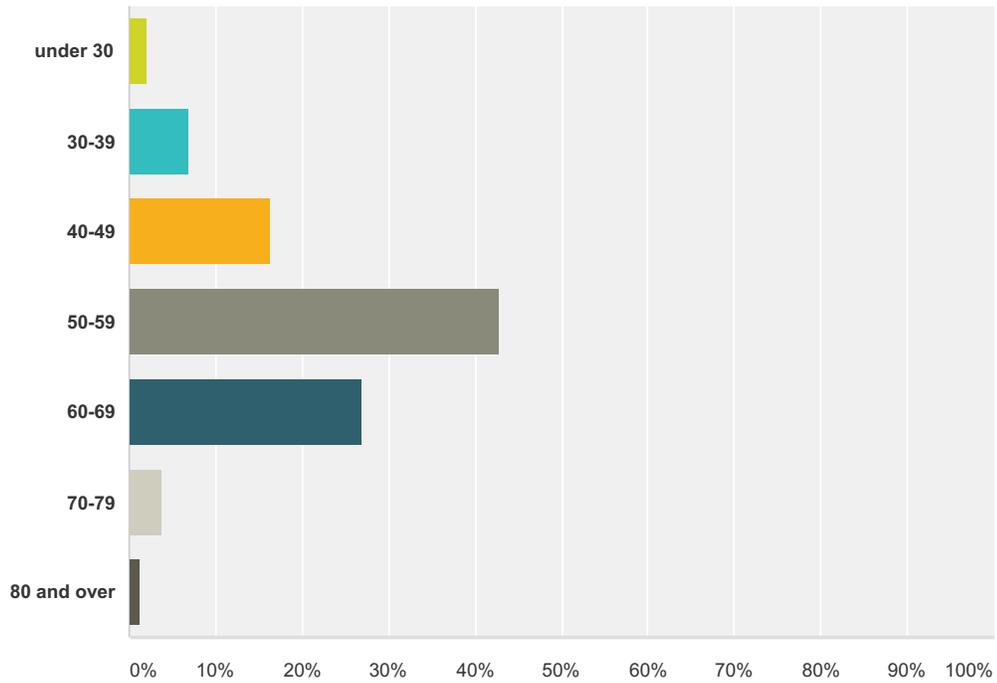
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	50.82%	124
No	49.18%	120
Total		244

Q4 What is your age group?

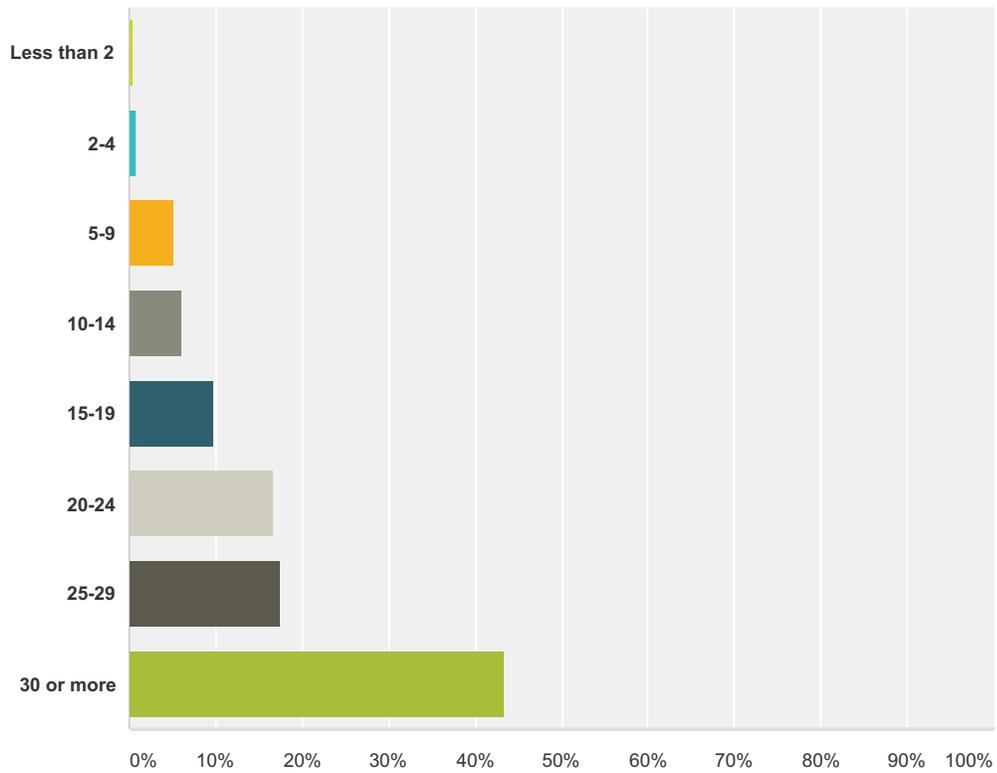
Answered: 245 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
under 30	2.04% 5
30-39	6.94% 17
40-49	16.33% 40
50-59	42.86% 105
60-69	26.94% 66
70-79	3.67% 9
80 and over	1.22% 3
Total	245

Q5 How many years have you been in the surveying profession?

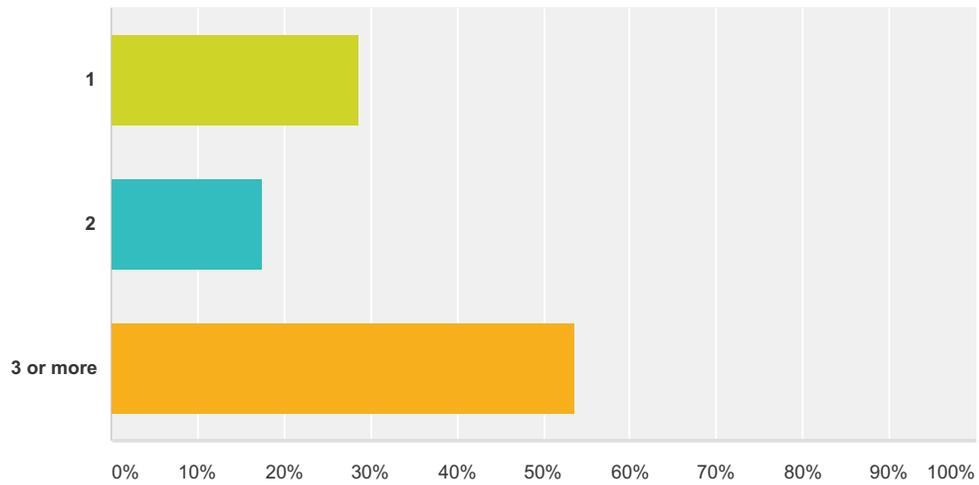
Answered: 246 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 2	0.41% 1
2-4	0.81% 2
5-9	5.28% 13
10-14	6.10% 15
15-19	9.76% 24
20-24	16.67% 41
25-29	17.48% 43
30 or more	43.50% 107
Total	246

Q6 How many OLS's, including yourself, are in your firm?

Answered: 244 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
1	28.69% 70
2	17.62% 43
3 or more	53.69% 131
Total	244

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Q7 Identify yourself with your name if you want

Answered: 63 Skipped: 187

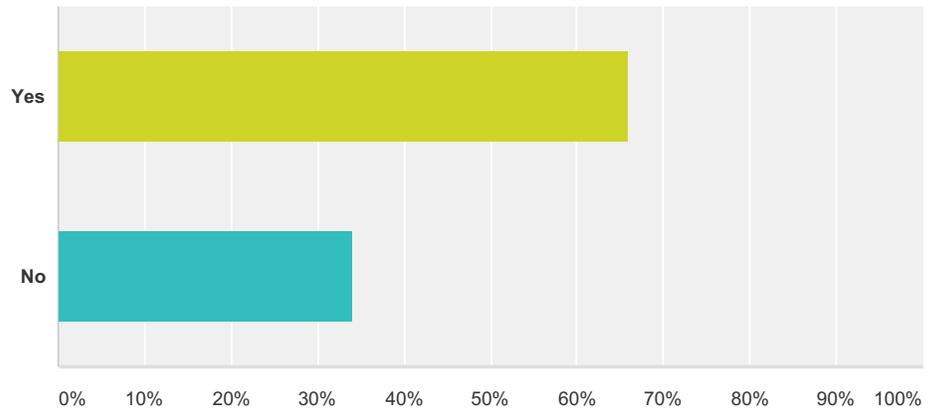
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3	Jeff Fee	9/2/2016 1:09 PM
4	Ron Dore	9/2/2016 5:13 AM
5	Al Heywood	9/1/2016 11:30 AM
6	steve gossling	9/1/2016 7:20 AM
7	Sophie-Rose Côté (Firm is C of A Holder)	8/31/2016 3:31 PM
8	Tham Shanmugarajah	8/31/2016 2:51 PM
9	Marvin McNabb	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
10	Laurence Kuelling	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
11	Tracy Rouse	8/31/2016 2:20 PM
12	Martin Knisley	8/31/2016 2:15 PM
13	Nancy Grozelle	8/31/2016 2:06 PM
14	Julia Meldrum Smith	8/29/2016 3:33 PM
15	Ron Mak	8/29/2016 10:29 AM
16	Peter Skuro	8/29/2016 9:26 AM
17	John W. Hiley	8/28/2016 9:36 PM
18	Jeff Buisman	8/26/2016 1:02 PM
19	S Sinnis	8/26/2016 8:25 AM
20	Brent Collett	8/25/2016 1:13 PM
21	Hugh Coutts (1837)	8/24/2016 5:09 PM
22	Craig Leslie	8/24/2016 7:38 AM
23	Mark Tulloch	8/24/2016 7:36 AM
24	Helmut Piller	8/23/2016 1:48 PM
25	Michael A. Griffiths	8/23/2016 1:39 PM
26	Nisbet	8/23/2016 1:29 PM
27	Boney	8/23/2016 11:12 AM
28	1509	8/23/2016 8:07 AM
29	Eric Ansell	8/23/2016 6:50 AM
30	ertl	8/23/2016 6:27 AM
31	Simon Kasprzak	8/22/2016 9:31 PM
32	Michele Pearson	8/22/2016 9:21 PM
33	Ivan B Wallace	8/22/2016 8:15 PM
34	Borys Kubicki	8/22/2016 8:06 PM

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35	Ron Q	8/22/2016 6:21 PM
36	Rudy	8/22/2016 6:09 PM
37	Harry Kalantzakos	8/22/2016 5:49 PM
38	eric rody	8/22/2016 5:24 PM
39	Ali gholami	8/22/2016 5:21 PM
40	Rick Miller	8/22/2016 4:57 PM
41	Dan Dolliver	8/22/2016 4:51 PM
42	Roy Simone	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
43	Andrew Cameron	8/22/2016 4:40 PM
44	William James Webster	8/22/2016 4:28 PM
45	Brian Campbell	8/22/2016 4:06 PM
46	Andrew Mantha	8/22/2016 3:53 PM
47	Talson Rody	8/22/2016 3:43 PM
48	OLS 1887	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
49	Perry A. Molloy	8/22/2016 3:19 PM
50	Paul Crocker	8/22/2016 3:19 PM
51	Rodney Geyer	8/22/2016 3:17 PM
52	Jeff Talbot	8/22/2016 3:15 PM
53	Dino Astri	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
54	Grant Bennett	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
55	Al Heywood	8/22/2016 3:03 PM
56	Paul Quesnel	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
57	John Goltz	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
58	Peter Raikes	8/22/2016 2:54 PM
59	Pier De Rosa	8/22/2016 2:50 PM
60	Kim Husted	8/22/2016 2:49 PM
61	DONALD ROBERTS	8/22/2016 2:47 PM
62	Gary Irwin	8/22/2016 2:46 PM
63	Mike Simpson	8/22/2016 2:42 PM

Q8 Do you believe there is a sketch issue?

Answered: 170 Skipped: 80



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	65.88%	112
No	34.12%	58
Total		170

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Q9 If you believe there is a sketch issue, what is it?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 134

#	Responses	Date
1	I believe that providing "sketches" to the clients instead of boundary and topographic surveys for redevelopment is cheating the public.	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
2	The use of "sketches" which are prepared to looklike surveys.	9/2/2016 1:53 PM
3	In some situations sketches are being prepared to show the limits of a property when in fact it should be called a plan of survey.	9/2/2016 5:29 AM
4	Un professionals doing half job to get around regulations	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
5	We have created a product, (the SRPR) that is a very detailed product that just does not met the needs of our clients. The first this you ask a client is the purpose of the survey, it would be nice to have a number of different products available to met the needs of all our clients.	9/1/2016 3:15 PM
6	Regarding the information that can be shown and its' specific use. Using information from various sources and compiling the data into a plan for a specific use	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
7	Surveyors presenting information about boundaries via less official means	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
8	boundaries shown on sketches. sketches used when srpr or topo should be prepared.	9/1/2016 8:34 AM
9	A lack of clarity as to what is a sketch and when a sketch should be a plan of survey.	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
10	legal/ cadastral info shown by others. See engineers /architects/ designers they prepare sketches accepted by everybody.	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
11	A) Longstanding old guideline for sketches shows building ties to boundary, but recent Bulletin prohibits this. B) If a sketch is not a cadastral survey, but displays information compiled from a cadastral survey, must it meet cadastral performance standards? C) Have any liability issues arisen from the "old" pre-bulletin sketch practices? D) Following C above, are we protecting the public or protecting our market for cadastral services? D) Does AOLS definition of "sketch" align with LTA/LRA Regs definition?	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
12	Standards and regulation for survey being skirted. Misuse of plans by public even with a disclaimer. General public not sophisticated to know difference between a sketch and plan of survey.	8/31/2016 4:37 PM
13	Sketches that portray survey evidence and methodology are problematic.	8/31/2016 4:33 PM
14	That there are some OLSs that believe that any type of product produced by an OLS that shows any kind of boundary must be fully retraced and the product they produce must adhere fully to the regulations. The other issue is that the profession is evolving. It is now possible for anyone to purchase plans, draw a boundary in CAD based on an integrated plan and go into the field with survey-grade GPS and find boundary markers and produce plans where people will rely upon the position of the boundaries shown.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
15	The issue is that architects, engineers and planners produce plans that show boundaries, dimensions, existing features and ties to boundaries routinely and used for minor variance applications, severances, building permits,etc. It seems that we as surveyors are penalized or looked at differently if we produce the exact same plan. The difference being is that presumably coming from a surveyor it was based on actual fieldwork to confirm what is shown and can actually be relied upon.	8/31/2016 3:27 PM
16	A further definition of 'Project' is still required which may change what can be interpreted to be a sketch. I would have liked more info up front clarifying what problems this survey monkey is trying to solve. Why are we regulating sketches? It seems we need to regulate surveys and not sketches possibly?	8/31/2016 3:01 PM
17	Many (most) surveyors are producing sketches which are really full blown boundary surveys titled as sketches, and represented as a sketch, technically the surveyor is circumventing the rules. The issue is such that I could pen a 10,000 word essay on the topic. Suffice to say that we as an association have many Acts, Regulations, Standards..... rules to follow. It puts those surveyors who follow the rules at a distinct disadvantage; but the real issue is that all of the rules are in place to protect the public, otherwise we might as well just become a bunch of unregulated technical firms. We are supposed to be a REGULATED profession, not just a bunch of cowboys and girls doing whatever the hell we want. But it appears that the AOLS in reality really has NO teeth. Hell, it doesn't even have a growl. Surveyors are going to continue to do WHATEVER if there is no enforcement.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM

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18	Proper use of a sketch as an OLS product	8/31/2016 2:48 PM
19	Making a Sketch look like a Plan of Survey	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
20	From time to time I have heard some comments that sketches are being used to avoid releasing a Plan of Survey. I do not find this an issue in my area. Since an SRD sticker also applies to a sketch, there does not seem to be any reason to avoid a Plan of Survey. Sketches are a specific purpose document, and do have their place in the way that we serve our clients.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
21	Too much regulation for a by-product	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
22	Some firms provide a "sketch" to locate features in relation to a boundary instead of a single line plan of survey and do not meet legislative requirements and standards since they call it a "sketch" instead of a survey	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
23	There may be but being with the government I don't see the products that may be given to private individuals that should not be a sketch	8/31/2016 2:36 PM
24	There is no clear use of sketches. I don't believe it is fair to limit an OLS's ability to produce a sketch when an architect or Engineer can produce the same type of sketch. An OLS should use their professional judgment to decide if the client needs a survey or simply a sketch.	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
25	Yes there is. Too many legal monuments being planted without a record being deposited	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
26	I believe the biggest issue is the confusion caused by the lack of ability to provide other (non-plan of survey products) and what to call them. Basically the reg's are outdated and don't reflect or give flexibility to what our clients are asking for. I totally agree that we, as OLSs, need to provide a superior product, however, we are afraid to provide a non-plan product for fear that another OLS will launch a complaint. I believe that we need to have more flexibility to provide a variety of products at our professional discretion.	8/31/2016 2:24 PM
27	There is no provision for other products that clients or Municipalities request or require. A sketch won't meet the requirements and a plan of survey is overkill.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
28	mis-use, mis-representation as a proper boundary survey	8/31/2016 12:07 PM
29	I think there is a need to be able to prepare a Topographical Plan where you do not have to monument all the corners of the property or sign it if the client does not require a signature or monumentation.	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
30	Clients and users are not aware of the difference.	8/30/2016 3:11 PM
31	Improper use by members, not using existing standards and guidelines. Members are struggling to adapt clients needs to guidelines that are not flexible enough.	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
32	Many surveyors are so far removed from the practical practice of cadastral land surveying that they want to outlaw them.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
33	That non-OLSs can provide them to municipalities but we cannot. I don't disagree with the need to create an actual plan when you are showing boundaries and their relationship to features on the ground. But I do object to the reality that it is common practice for others to provide documentation of same.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
34	Primarily with the public on what it is and its use	8/29/2016 2:54 PM
35	My clients don't want a signed paper plan but they need something more reliable than current alternatives.	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
36	For as long as I can remember (20 years?), there has always been an issue as to how much information is shown on the products we as surveyors provide. The original guidelines had a handy product that we could provide to clients in those circumstances when a plan of survey was "overkill". Unfortunately, what we occasionally saw was some firms prepare sketches when it was a plan of survey that was called for (Topographic Sketches that other consultants will use for design purposes). Frankly I thought the original 1990 Bulletin on Sketches was pretty self explanatory - "Surveys must not look like plans of surveys if they are not". The 2013 Bulletin unfortunately has not addressed this has only exacerbated the situation.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
37	Use of a sketch as a formal legal document and skirting the sticker issue.	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
38	they appear to be a survey plan to the client but are not	8/28/2016 12:43 PM
39	When is a sketch a plan of survey.	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
40	This is complex. The challenge is to allow for sketches that meets the public's requirements for things such as minor variance and severance applications. These sketches benefit from the expertise of an OLS, but they should be clearly separated from being a survey. Sometimes, these sketches require some survey work so that, for example a precise distance can be determined. Including this information in the sketch is valuable, but full survey plan is overkill for the public's requirements.	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
41	Plans of Survey are being passed off as "sketches"	8/26/2016 10:57 AM

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42	Inconsistent practices among membership and lack of clear guidelines	8/26/2016 8:45 AM
43	People are doing sketches when they should be preparing SRPRs	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
44	Supplying clients a product showing survey plan information (monuments, method) and calling it a sketch. The problem for the future is that sketches such as Topographic Sketches are being provided in a digital format that is georeferenced (CSRS). Any provided linework for a boundary is now available for use by all that can select the boundary line on CAD platform. Even though a Topo Sketch does not supply a boundary, it has in essence supplied boundary linework that can be used/misused by the client.	8/24/2016 6:09 PM
45	People showing boundary information on lot grading certificates without providing a sticker number.	8/24/2016 3:57 PM
46	The sketches are being done with old or no survey boundary work being done.	8/24/2016 12:16 PM
47	There is definite, legitimate need for a wide range of "Sketches", but some surveyors severely abuse the regulations by using sketches in lieu of what should be a "Plan of Survey".	8/24/2016 12:09 PM
48	some members in our region are calling plans "Sketches",but not following the Sketch definition provided per the AOLS bulletin and our standards & regulations	8/23/2016 5:32 PM
49	They are presented as not being a survey but signed by an O.L.S.	8/23/2016 1:58 PM
50	Clarity in identifying what qualifies.	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
51	We need to have a backbone and tell the clients what they need and not decide what we can provide to them based on their financial budgets. Undercutting another and profiting from you work by providing a sketches is just plain simply cowardess. Provided SRPR/Plan of Survey for anything land development related.	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
52	Boundary information on items named as "sketches".	8/23/2016 11:16 AM
53	sketch's are use to illustrate a description	8/23/2016 9:32 AM
54	Surveyors are issuing sketches that look like surveys.	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
55	Sketches are being used instead of proper legal surveys (SRPR's) to reduce the amount of effort put in, reduce the cost, and ultimately mislead the public about what the 'Sketch provides. A 'Sketch' can be prepared at a lower cost and therefore the cost conscious public goes for the cheaper option without realizing that it is not a legal survey. Not professional.	8/23/2016 8:56 AM
56	Many Sketches for Topographic surveys and other uses are illustrating boundary information. These are sometimes prepared with benefit of survey and other times are compiled. Not all of the Sketches are prepared by a licensed surveyor.	8/23/2016 8:54 AM
57	We need to have flexibility in what is on a sketch.	8/23/2016 8:39 AM
58	SOME MEMBERS ARE PREPARING SRPRs BUT CALLING THEM SKETCHES TO AVOID AOLS DETECTION & CHECKING	8/23/2016 8:35 AM
59	People are not following the policy established by AOLS	8/23/2016 8:20 AM
60	When is it a Sketch and when is it an SRPR. What the limits of what can be shown on a Sketch.	8/23/2016 8:13 AM
61	There is a clear lack of understanding when a sketch should and should not be used. Some OLSs are submitting a survey but calling it a sketch, perhaps to circumvent the SRD.	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
62	firms issuing sketches with survey method, monumentation and signatures.	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
63	it should be allowed and codified	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
64	Most sketches I have come across use compiled boundary information for purposes of custom home design. Any information used for custom home design should be based on a calculated boundary info as the area as per the boundary shown is used by the architect to calculate coverage. The designation sketch sounds unprofessional. Committee of Adjustment in some municipalities is now often asking for a Surveyor's Real Property Report instead of a sketch. Engineers prepare topo plans for infills which means we have to compete against them as well. Two SRPR's for one custom home is overkill.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
65	Sketches should not show boundary information, and the public should be clearly noticed that it is not a survey	8/22/2016 9:34 PM
66	The degree of reliance the public places on a sketch	8/22/2016 8:38 PM
67	Issue of plans defining boundaries without showing survey evidence.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
68	everybody can draw a sketch including severance sketch or topography even if they are not O.L.S but just O.L.S. being scrutinized.	8/22/2016 8:15 PM

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69	- Companies producing sketches with ties to boundaries without illustrating survey evidence and methodology. - producing topographical plans which illustrate ties to boundaries instead of utilizing an SRPR with elevations or a topographical plan of survey	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
70	At the insurance advisory meetings, we've seen (mostly Toronto firms) use sketches where boundaries are shown in order to try and limit their liability.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
71	Illustrations which resemble surveys but do not meet the requirements of a survey being provided to the public who rely on them to the extent of a survey.	8/22/2016 6:04 PM
72	Too many surveyors using sketches instead of an SRPR. Should be no monuments shown on a sketch and no exact ties to boundaries. Only a survey can show monuments and exact ties to a boundary.	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
73	Sketches are replacing plans of survey.	8/22/2016 5:35 PM
74	Sign and seal issue	8/22/2016 5:26 PM
75	Broadly- whether sketches which can or should be used for land planning (consents, variances) are misused by the profession.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
76	Plans showing evidence of boundaries being called sketches, no signature, plan submission sticker	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
77	Firms are using it to provide a boundary without doing full retracement work	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
78	From both sides. - some firms try to avoid standards of a real boundary survey (SRPR) by calling it a Sketch. For example for new building foundations. These surveys form an important part of the survey fabric and should be completed to full standards. - On the other hand adhering to current standards can prove to be costly and onerous leaving little room to provide product were something simpler might be appropriate. For example if a client requires the location of one specific item with respect to a boundary (like a particular tree).	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
79	Non surveyors preparing sketches that the public believe are surveys.	8/22/2016 4:51 PM
80	If I understand the issue we as surveyors cannot issue any plan that defines boundaries unless it is either a reference plan or SRPR. Sketches or topographical surveys can only show compiled information and is limiting the type of services we can offer	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
81	sketches are needed in certain seldom situations	8/22/2016 4:03 PM
82	Inconsistency in product. People mididentify surveys as "sketches" to avoid AOLS stickers and review.	8/22/2016 3:58 PM
83	Sketch's are being used as a Plan of Survey	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
84	compiling and calling it a survey	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
85	Insufficiently researched boundaries on topo sketches which can be incorrect. I suspect that this is done to decrease the price so that they get the job.	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
86	It is simply that the difference between a sketch and a plan of survey is not clearly defined. Many times only a sketch is needed but it may contain only a very small amount of measured data which, according to my understanding, then must be treated as a survey.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
87	Companies passing off Sketches, without proper boundaries as SRPR's with Topography (or similar) knowing that a legal survey is required for the application the client is looking for.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
88	It can cause many confusion.IT is not Plan of Survey	8/22/2016 3:27 PM
89	Sketches are being prepared instead of a Plan of Survey. There are no current guidelines for preparing a sketch.	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
90	Many firms are offering sketches that are actually surveys (retrace boundaries), and calling these sketches for various reasons. We need specific instructions on what is a " survey" and then some firm of enforcement.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
91	The issue is that sketches and their usages have not been defined.	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
92	Some firms may be using sketches instead of proper plans of survey or they may be using sketches without a disclaimer as to proper application for the sketch to limit liability and inform the client.	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
93	Too many Surveyors are providing sketches that look like plans but there are no mounments but definitive dimensions are being shown.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
94	If firms are substituting sketches in place of regulated SRPR's or Plans of Survey there is an issue. However, there are many applications where our expertise is required to create plans and products not defined by the act that government agencies (MTO, Building Departments), large corporations (Hydro One, Pipeline firms, utilities) and the public require. I don't believe a full retracement is required at the planning stage for MTO pavement upgrades, utility route selection or a simple rural severance application.	8/22/2016 3:20 PM

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95	Lack of permission or ability to use them where in my judgement it is appropriate - Plan of Survey or SRPR is required.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
96	no clear definition of sketch, little or no direction from association	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
97	sketches are being used in place of Plans of Survey in order to get around the regulations	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
98	Sketches are required for certain types of products and by some municipalities. AOLS Regulations and Standards should incorporate these and ensure a professional product rather than rejecting the reality.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
99	Giving a boundary opinion on a simple sketch without a sticker.	8/22/2016 3:05 PM
100	The misunderstanding of what a sketch represents, in the hierarchy of types of "illustrations" a survey firm can present.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
101	I believe that there is confusion among the membership (including myself) as to what is permitted on a "SKETCH". Further I believe that there is a practical use for a deliverable product that may look like a survey, but is not; with the clear notification of what it is supposed to be and what it is NOT supposed to be. I do not believe that the "sketch" issue is strictly related to the cost of stickers or an attempt by surveyors to circumvent the use of same.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
102	Adding ties to property lines	8/22/2016 3:02 PM
103	Sketches being portrayed and / or used as surveys.	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
104	Surveyor's are doing them to avoid review and offer a sub standard cheap product to the public.	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
105	Topographical Plans may be used to show cadastral information and by so doing circumvent the SRD process.	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
106	Most members producing sketches are not fully cognizant of the current guidelines.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
107	Boundary information being shown when a survey hasn't been completed.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
108	guidelines (bulletin) is too stringent	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
109	The public wants information that may not require a full survey.	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
110	Non compliance	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
111	Sketches being prepared do not follow the guidelines. However, the guidelines are out of date and should be updated.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
112	If you set a bar it's not a sketch	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
113	1) rules too restrictive in some situations 2) rules not understood or willingly not followed	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
114	It is undefined as to what it is and can be used for	8/22/2016 2:50 PM
115	members not following existing bulletin	8/22/2016 2:47 PM
116	Yes - but I see firms calling them 'Topographic Surveys'	8/22/2016 2:46 PM

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Q10 If you believe there is a sketch issue, how would you solve it?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 142

#	Responses	Date
1	There has to be enforcement on the part of our governing body to discipline surveyors who produce surveys (in other words "sketches") in such a blatant violation of all acts and regulation governing the profession.	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
2	By creating a "SKETCH" category in the preparation of plans section of the manual.	9/2/2016 1:53 PM
3	I am not sure how it can be controlled. Education of the public and the OLS members is helpful.	9/2/2016 5:29 AM
4	None allowed	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
5	We should focus our attention on the quality of the research, method used to re-establishing the boundary limits and meeting the needs of the Client.	9/1/2016 3:15 PM
6	Allow OLS's as professionals to discern what to show on the sketch having regard for its' use and the requirements of Municipalities etc.	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
7	Sketches cannot present or be seen to present boundary or measurement information	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
8	presentation at agm and/or regional group meetings. provide examples of when a sketch is appropriate vs. when a proper survey should be prepared.	9/1/2016 8:34 AM
9	Clearly define the boundary between sketches and plans of survey. and / or continue education and advertisement of the distinctions.	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
10	The same rules to be apply for all and enforced. Why a designer could use an old plan of survey copy the info into the site plan and the municipality accept this. It is not fair for our cadastral surveyors which respect the regulations and should provide an SRPR.	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
11	Need to clarify whether sketch is a cadastral survey if its purpose is not for opining on the position of a boundary.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
12	Limited use of sketches. If a boundary is shown, it must be surveyed according to the regulations.	8/31/2016 4:37 PM
13	Issue a bulletin to surveyors indicating that it can be acceptable to produce topographic sketches/plans showing compiled boundaries but that the same guidelines should be adhered to that are currently stated in the Interpretive Guide o Boundaries should not be labelled (Bearings and distances should not be shown if not required) o If bearings and distances are required to be shown they should match the plan/ record used to produce them o Found evidence should not be shown o Dimensions from buildings, fences, walls etc. should not be shown relative to compiled boundaries o There should be a clear note in the title block indicating what plan/record was used to generate the boundaries shown/ what agency produced and what is the date of the parcel mapping file that is cross-referenced o The geographic designation of the parcel should not appear in the title block (this has been common practice in the past, moving forward indicating the municipal address of the property should be considered sufficient). Geographic designations, PIN information and easement information can still be shown on the face of the plan (and should always be based on a current title search). o The purpose of the plan should be clearly indicated (we have not normally been doing this) o There should be a clear cautionary note — This is not a plan of survey and shall not be used except for the purpose indicated. No guarantee is made as to accuracy or completeness of compiled boundaries, property lines or parcel mapping shown. Boundaries must be confirmed prior to being relied upon. o Must not have Certificate of Surveyor, boundary retracement methodology, references in the Legend to found monumentation or any certificate indicating that the Plan has been prepared in accordance with any legislation.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
14	If the AOLS is not going to enforce the Acts that are already in place against individuals who are clearly overstepping their bounds yet seem to be willing	8/31/2016 3:27 PM
15	ENFORCE THE RULES.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
16	Clear Standards / Guidelines	8/31/2016 2:48 PM
17	Call it a sketch, remove monuments and Surveyors Certificate and add a Caution note that the boundary has been compiled. Can't use monopoly money to purchase items, can't use a sketch to set a building envelope or measure a tie etc.	8/31/2016 2:45 PM

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18	To me the use of sketches, where appropriate, seems to be fairly clear. If some members are using sketches to avoid existing regulations, then those regulations should perhaps be enforced, ahead of creating additional rules and regulations. Perhaps a bulletin or regional group presentation to go over issues that may exist across the province would be helpful, and may make some members more aware of potential mis-use of sketches.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
19	Clear explanation and examples	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
20	Require any plan that shows features in relation to a surveyed boundary to be called a survey and therefore subject to all legislative requirements and standards	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
21	This survey is a good start	8/31/2016 2:36 PM
22	Less regulation and rules on the OLS.	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
23	Have ALL plans that are legal be deposited into the LRO like other provinces. Why do we have to call 30 survey firms to find records? If there is a monument being planted, then there has to be a plan deposited. This will only increase the cost to the client, but if all firms do it then it would be a consistent increase.	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
24	Allow a broader view of what a sketch can show, or, make a list of what can not be shown on a sketch.	8/31/2016 2:24 PM
25	Create some flexibility within the sketch definition. Allow firms that have done all of the work to prove the boundaries to create sketches showing boundary dimensions and ties to structures.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
26	complaints/SRD	8/31/2016 12:07 PM
27	I believe we need a product that meets our clients needs. I work for many engineering firms and the City who require Topographic Information but who do not really need to know where the property limits are. They need to know generally that the sidewalks are within the street limits and they would like to know where the front of the buildings are but they do not need the whole street re-monumented for their project. they are interested in the Topographic information.	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
28	Education of the membership - refresher & update existing standards and guidelines to accommodate today's needs.	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
29	Only surveyors that actually sign plans should have an opinion on this issue. Anyone that has to make a payroll and compete in market conditions against planners, engineers and other professions can understand the need for sketches as part of a comprehensive development package and knows how to mitigate against their abuse.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
30	The best way to solve it is to create a level playing field. At the strategic planning meeting, it was suggested that when a practice has gone on long enough, you can't turn back the clock and fix it. I'm hoping that it is not too late to educate all municipalities that if they need information about the location of features in relation to a boundary, that information MUST be reviewed by a cadastral OLS. If we had unlimited resources, an audit of the municipalities most recently accepted documents (obtained through Freedom of Information if necessary) would both get their attention and allow us to either congratulate those municipalities who respect the law, and to educate those municipalities who do not.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
31	As far as the surveying profession is concerned, there needs to be consistency	8/29/2016 2:54 PM
32	Impossible on one hand because there are so many varieties. Perhaps follow the utilities model and define various grades of products.	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
33	Perhaps sample plans that can be applied to a new Bulletin and specific scenarios when sketches can be used.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
34	Require stickers (plan submission form) on sketches so that the content is subject to review.	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
35	set regulations	8/28/2016 12:43 PM
36	Make new subcategories that cover the large number of products required of surveyors during the development process.	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
37	Put the onus on the OLS to prepare sketches and surveys in a professional manner. Provide guidelines and suggestions (not strict rules) on what sketches should present.	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
38	Educate members about the "practice of Professional Surveying"	8/26/2016 10:57 AM
39	Standards with sample deliverables	8/26/2016 8:45 AM
40	An SRPR should be prepared before a sketch can be prepared.	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
41	Clear up the grey area of what some feel constitute a sketch versus survey. Education	8/24/2016 6:09 PM
42	I would make the membership more aware of the uses of a sketch and what cannot go on one.	8/24/2016 3:57 PM
43	If a sketch is sent out without a resent survey and signed by a surveyor then the surveyors group insurance should not be liable if a claim is the result.	8/24/2016 12:16 PM

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44	If a member comes across a plan that is being called a Sketch, but does not appear to follow the definition by our regulations, standards and bulletins, then provide a copy to the AOLS to follow-up on	8/23/2016 5:32 PM
45	Sketches are permissible to illustrate Metes and Bound Descriptions .	8/23/2016 1:58 PM
46	Clear definitions on what qualifies as a plan of survey vs. sketch.	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
47	Sketches must be used only for construction layout. All site supervisors require a drawing showing what has been laid out. Hence Sketch here would be good enough. Confirm that a current Plan of Survey/ SRPR exists and you have it on hand. Once all construction is done them, update the SRPR for final submission to the client. This creates good reputation for OLS.	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
48	Specific guidelines determining what information is allowed on sketches.	8/23/2016 11:16 AM
49	Limit the information shown on a sketch to just a heavy line representing the boundary, do not show method of survey, monumentation, underlying Lot Fabric or dimensions along the boundary and don't sign them as an OLS.	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
50	Good question. The membership should be encouraged to report misuse of Sketches to the SRD - maybe not an official complaint but the SRD needs to know the extent that sketches are being misused and who is producing them.	8/23/2016 8:56 AM
51	The regulation interpretations need to keep up with the times. Many times a compiled boundary is all that is required for client purposes, particularly if the compiled information is "tied" to the cadastre with field observations. Many times a full survey cost is just not justified. The risks associated with the compiled boundary should be noted in the form of a new note on the face of the plan.	8/23/2016 8:54 AM
52	Enable OLS's to put some features, provided the proper legal research was done.	8/23/2016 8:39 AM
53	REVISE REGULATIONS OR STRESS THE PROPER INTENT OF THEM	8/23/2016 8:35 AM
54	reinforce the policy as it stands	8/23/2016 8:20 AM
55	Create requirements for what can be put on Sketches and what can't.	8/23/2016 8:13 AM
56	We still need more education on the difference between a sketch and a survey. A clearly defined term of reference as to when a sketch should be used and when it is truly a plan of survey	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
57	no title, no signature, no certificate of any kind	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
58	why is a sketch an issue. It is not ba legal survey	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
59	Rename sketches to: Topographic Plan or Plan prepared for Development Design. Make it a requirement that sketches be based on a calculated boundary. i.e. Boundary shown is not compiled and is based on calculated boundary. Caution Note (plan not to be used for real estate transactions or mortgage purposes). Such plans are to be dated and signed by an OLS (no certificate).	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
60	Change Reg's to put disclaimers on sketches, and enforce surveyors to provide sketches without boundary info	8/22/2016 9:34 PM
61	Eliminate sketches completely	8/22/2016 8:38 PM
62	Recognize a "Plan of topographic survey". Those plans would have to show survey evidence in simplified way, e.g. no comparisons would be required, fence ties would not be reported. Those drawings would be exclusively for a purpose of a new designs for construction. Full boundary account will be deferred to the final survey (post construction).	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
63	either dont allow the other profession make topography or any other sketches or let surveyors do it easier	8/22/2016 8:15 PM
64	Whenever a tie must be illustrated from the boundary to a physical or theoretical features to any boundary, at least a plan of survey must be utilized	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
65	Very strict and specific rules.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
66	Require additional note warning the use of the survey should be limited.	8/22/2016 6:04 PM
67	Only allow them for severance applications or situations where more or less distances will do. There needs to be some strict rules, not guidelines.	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
68	Sticker for any drawing produced.	8/22/2016 5:35 PM
69	They need to get signed by ols	8/22/2016 5:26 PM
70	I think that standards should be created and then they should be made part of a peer review process. There should be no confusion about what is a sketch and what is a property line survey.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
71	Define what a sketch is and what it can be used for, ie Consent Application, Building Permit Applications	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
72	There should be no sketches. Any representation of a boundary should be as an SRPR	8/22/2016 5:03 PM

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73	Not easy. Maybe be more specific to which items which must be shown as a Plan of survey or SRPR.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
74	Litigation	8/22/2016 4:51 PM
75	Allow sketches or plans of survey with clear guidelines on usage and what is needed to ensure public interest is being served - ie certificates, sticker etc	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
76	The AOLS should issue sample sketches as guidelines and list those things that should/shouldn't be on a sketch.	8/22/2016 3:58 PM
77	Update the regulations permitting the use of sketches	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
78	make the guidelines very clear and take significant action against those that do not adhere	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
79	Make each sketch which provides any boundary dimensions require a sticker. Such representations of boundary should be in accordance with the Reg's.	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
80	Sketches can be an important tool when surveying an area where a boundary is not required (say surveying a water play feature in the middle of a City Park.) I believe there needs to be a frame work in place whereas Surveyors live up to their expert designation and lead the client through the process where the surveyor or their products is required. For example Building Permit Applications require a legal survey, WE SHOULD KNOW THIS and ensure we, as professionals, advise the client of this.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
81	Do everything as SRPR.	8/22/2016 3:27 PM
82	Set out conditions for sketches in an AOLS Bulletin.	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
83	Dunno. Certainly educate the profession on what is the difference between what is acceptable as a sketch and what is a survey plan.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
84	See above	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
85	That's a tough one. there are some instances where a sketch can be sued (i.e. Committee of Adjustment purpose). Maybe limit what sketches can be used for.	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
86	Total elimination of sketches. Only plans of surveys as per standards and regulations.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
87	Enforce discipline where sketches are used in place of an SRPR or Plan of Survey while allowing sketches to be used for defined purposes (topographic surveys, etc)	8/22/2016 3:20 PM
88	It seems to me: if the substance of the work is there (that is, all proper research, field, etc) and if a sketch is appropriate in the circumstances (that is, in the judgement of the surveyor) the a sketch could be prepared. The solution perhaps is: all cadastral jobs (not just plans) require a sticker so that comprehensive review can be done to ensure the substance of the job is correct and good discretion in the circumstances was used in determining Sketch was appropriate mechanism	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
89	association provide clear guidance allow maximum flexibility and leave to discretion of individual firms as to production of sketches to help satisfy client needs	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
90	sketches need to be for specific purposes	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
91	Update AOLS Regulations and Standards.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
92	Open a separate category of plan called sketch that would not have all the regulations of an SRPR. That way our clients could get a product that they need. For instance, for an as-built sketch for construction, we could have the foundation and property limits shown and that's it. No method or other features. Having the sticker and OLS signature mean the proper method has been followed. For many clients, a simple sketch is what they are looking for. In some cases an SRPR shows too much and confuses things. I think a sketch category with a bunch of caveats is an important product.	8/22/2016 3:05 PM
93	I believe that the AOLS should investigate implementing a regulation that describes the types of products that a cadastral firm can offer the public. Quite often, members of the public are asked by an agency to provide them with "a survey" to support a certain proposal that requires approval by an authority having jurisdiction. Given the wide range of plans and products that survey firms (and engineering firms, architecture firms, technical firms) are offering, I understand how people on the periphery of cadastral surveying are misunderstanding what constitutes a "PLAN OF SURVEY" and what does not. Most often, government bodies (municipal, regional, provincial, federal) and quasi-governmental bodies are requiring the submission of "a survey" however, their perception of what a legal survey is, varies widely. I feel that possibly a simple memorandum or advisory circular to all levels of government (municipalities, conservation authorities, commissions etc.) could have a huge impact on educating the very people that are requesting products to streamline, and normalize their requests to fall in line with a strict schedule of products that are offered by a cadastral firm.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
94	within certain guidelines, I would trust that the members will act in a professional manner, while providing the service that is required for a specific task.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM

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95	Call/email a hotline to report	8/22/2016 3:02 PM
96	Outline exactly what is and is not a sketch	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
97	Enforce AOLS Bulletin 2013-01 or get rid of them all together	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
98	Define what constitutes a plan of survey by identifying the minimum information required to constitute a plan of survey	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
99	Follow through with "Project" definition, so that all sketches, plans, illustrations etc in a project file have the same number and are subject to SRD review	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
100	If any sort of boundary information is being shown, then a proper survey should be completed.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
101	produce samples	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
102	Update/ revise the regulations to allow for more flexibility.	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
103	Enforce current regulations	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
104	Revise the restrictions on sketches to allow more flexibility; ensure that they are considered projects and must have stickers assigned so that they can be reviewed.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
105	regulations	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
106	topos - need to be called survey, but shouldn't be forced to show normal info such as comparisons, and full survey may be too much in some instances. Some discretion needs to be left to the surveyor	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
107	I believe that a sketch is based solely on compiled information for the purposes of discussion or planning, no field work nor measurement. Only plans of Survey should show measurements and field work	8/22/2016 2:50 PM
108	members should follow existing bulletin	8/22/2016 2:47 PM

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Q11 List typical items you feel SHOULD be permitted within the definition of a sketch:

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#	Responses	Date
1	When the location is on City property and you are providing a service to an internal client. Who has jurisdiction; e.g. Transportation or Parks. Tree Location - City or private property. Slip and fall claim - did it occur on City property. Lane - for construction or resurfacing.	9/5/2016 1:25 PM
2	Compilation from existing documents	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
3	Geographic designations. Proposed lines with proposed setbacks if applicable. Elevations if obtained in the field. Title with a CAUTION. Identification of entity preparing the sketch. Date. Information relating to source of the information on the sketch. Approximate areas.	9/2/2016 1:53 PM
4	just about anything that a surveyor feels is required, providing that the preparation of the product is governed by the surveyors professional obligations and ethics. our current regulations are too constraining. we are gradually narrowing the practice to cadastral surveys and discouraging innovation and the ability to respond to our clients needs.	9/2/2016 1:46 PM
5	Severance applications Building permit applications	9/2/2016 5:29 AM
6	Lease areas	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
7	One limit showing a fence. A boundary limit showing reference points for fencing	9/1/2016 3:15 PM
8	Dimensions and areas of parcels. Buildings with ties. Other topographic information pertinent to the user Signature of OLS Note(s) explaining sources of information and that the plan has a specific use or user and that is not a plan of survey	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
9	Land Division information etc.	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
10	Show approximate building location if sufficient distance from property line (a farm house on 100 acres is usually 50+ metres from the nearest property line)	9/1/2016 11:08 AM
11	Compiled boundary for Topographic Plans (not called a sketch in our office), sketch to illustrate certain existing conditions where it is not necessary to conduct or show full boundary retracement, showing fabric, easements	9/1/2016 9:33 AM
12	anything that does not show boundary evidence, methodology or positions relative to a certified boundary	9/1/2016 8:58 AM
13	drawings showing a boundary wholly compiled from records if clearly labeled as such with appropriate cautions. distances.	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
14	-sketch illustrating topography without any reference to the boundaries or ties to the boundaries. -specific compiled plans requested by client with no ties to the buildings.	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
15	A) Proposed severance B) Proposed grading plan C) Calculation plan for layout Perhaps the term sketch should only be used for showing items that are proposed.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
16	Extremely restricted use.	8/31/2016 4:37 PM
17	• Anything other than Plans of Survey	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
18	Cadasral framework. Deed or plan measurements.	8/31/2016 4:07 PM
19	Anything extracted from compilations of data and line work from a GIS system which can represent differing accuracies should somehow be allowed for all. It seems graphical compilations by the Crown are allowed and so it begs the question of why can graphical illustrations not be allowed by private companies?	8/31/2016 3:01 PM
20	Topos, certain leasing plans or concept plans with no legal boundary info	8/31/2016 2:56 PM
21	Anything BUT the three items listed below.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
22	Lease areas, severance sketch, construction related sketches	8/31/2016 2:48 PM
23	Anything except a confirmed boundary survey.	8/31/2016 2:45 PM

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24	Any information that is relevant to the purpose of the sketch. Even though the document may be titled a "sketch", for presentation purposes, there may be some field work, perhaps quite detailed in some cases, to support and present the information properly (such as a new severance line close to an existing structure). In my personal case, most sketches eventually lead to the preparation of a survey plan, or, at least, further work on the site. A clear notice should be on the face of the sketch, stating that it is not a Plan of Survey.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
25	Severance Sketch Building Permit Sketch	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
26	Something that is compiled that doesn't have a surveyed boundary - like a severance sketch, sketch showing volume calculations, sketches showing monitoring well locations	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
27	For government, if they are used for internal purposes. For private, if the sketch is for illustrative purposes	8/31/2016 2:36 PM
28	a topographic sketch with a boundary from records or GIS fabric from the town clearly stating that the boundary was not surveyed.	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
29	Boundary Topo Title information	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
30	Topographic surveys(no surveyed boundaries), compiled boundaries, grading plans, severance applications,	8/31/2016 2:29 PM
31	Any sketch that DOES NOT show legal monuments being found or set.	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
32	-Topo's -severance sketches -buildings shown on a portion of a property (i.e. why survey 100acres when only 1 set back distance is needed)	8/31/2016 2:24 PM
33	Municipal applications that require existing and proposed setbacks to be shown for application purposes. Municipal assumption plans showing fence locations on new developments that the surveyor has worked on exclusively and is confident with the boundary information.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
34	compiled information from registered documents	8/31/2016 12:07 PM
35	Building permits Severances Partial boundary surveys - no bars set	8/31/2016 8:24 AM
36	compiled plans, municipal planning, Topographic in some situations.	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
37	Spot elevations, and topo	8/30/2016 3:11 PM
38	Severance sketch Topographic sketch Demolition permit	8/30/2016 3:09 PM
39	Relationship of features to an established boundary limit provide that the limit has been confirmed by the OLS preparing the sketch and his internal file supports his opinion and research. Used for a very specific purpose that is stated.	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
40	Sketches should follow the well-published guidelines currently in place.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
41	Information not obtained from field measurements and related to a legal boundary. example: an illustration of a metes and bounds description, or a proposed house location sketched onto an existing plan.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
42	The test is not breaching any of the current statutes and regs. Many, other that OLSs prepare sketched, even the public for multiple use.	8/29/2016 2:54 PM
43	Digital parcel mapping with accuracy of various lines clearly identified. Site plans Cad files which are shared with engineers or architects. Simple sketches showing locations of features relative to boundaries Some topographic	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
44	retail leases, area sketches, certain circumstances during construction,	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
45	Sketch to show progress of phased work. This would allow for work that appears to be incomplete.	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
46	boundary dimensions and found monuments that have been verified as correct, lot structure, street names	8/28/2016 12:43 PM
47	stockpile volumes, pregrade topos, current control sketches	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
48	Those items required for the Planning application like approximate location of features, boundaries, zoning, wetlands, title information, etc. Along with notes to clarify that it is a sketch and not a survey. In the event that precise survey information is included, provide the source of that information.	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
49	no survey information - compilation only from available records and identified as such	8/26/2016 10:57 AM
50	This is not a plan of survey	8/26/2016 8:45 AM
51	For a severance application	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
52	topographic detail not related to boundaries,	8/25/2016 9:20 AM
53	Only things that don't involve a property line. If it has a property line then it is a Plan of Survey.	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
54	Topographic features,	8/24/2016 3:57 PM

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55	Non disputed mark out surveys for fencing.	8/24/2016 3:02 PM
56	- Severance Application - Features in relation to Property Line	8/24/2016 2:10 PM
57	Proposed land divisions for land division committee IF accompanied by a statement in large bold type saying that this is not a survey and must be confirmed by a new survey. Confirmation of leased area for retail or condo purposes where the sketch is based on actual measurements taken on site.	8/24/2016 12:16 PM
58	To accompany application for severance, to illustrate concepts or ideas for presentation,	8/24/2016 11:32 AM
59	As per AOLS Bulletin definition	8/23/2016 5:32 PM
60	show plan information just like engineers if I do a full survey will call the plan a plan of survey	8/23/2016 5:30 PM
61	See 10	8/23/2016 1:58 PM
62	Compiled products.	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
63	boundary information compiled from recent survey, existing and proposed features for preliminary/permitting purposes, +/- ties to features, a clear statement (caution) indicating that it is not a plan of survey and is to be used for preliminary purposes etc	8/23/2016 1:47 PM
64	Boundary should be compiled from registry office information, construction layout related work. The title block should just have the address information and ZERO LEGAL description. Land division sketch. Building measurement for area certificate, lease area,	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
65	Distances relating to boundaries and structures when a +/- symbol is used	8/23/2016 11:16 AM
66	severance sketch	8/23/2016 10:12 AM
67	sketch for description purposes	8/23/2016 9:32 AM
68	Municipal address, heavy line depicting the boundary and ties to a specific feature.	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
69	Severances Sketches, Condition Sketches where ties to boundaries are not required, compiled and oriented Topographic Sketches	8/23/2016 8:56 AM
70	Building Permit Sketches, Topographic surveys, Mapping for applications of many sorts, mapping for utility corridors, illustrations for any purpose that rely on LRO information/mapping/linework for boundary information.	8/23/2016 8:54 AM
71	bldg ties, bearings and distances, structures locations	8/23/2016 8:39 AM
72	minimum separation from farm to house. lease areas. consent and planning applications	8/23/2016 8:32 AM
73	severance sketches. lease areas	8/23/2016 8:26 AM
74	severance sketches, building placement proposals where there is a large building envelope available.	8/23/2016 8:20 AM
75	Severance Sketch, One line sketch showing ties but no bars and boundary evidence.	8/23/2016 8:13 AM
76	none	8/23/2016 8:08 AM
77	Tree location Street line surveys for City purposes As built grading Certificates Lease Area Certificates	8/23/2016 7:46 AM
78	Anything required for various Municipal approvals through the development process, i.e fencing certifications, catchbasin certifications, topographical plans, etc.	8/23/2016 7:43 AM
79	- proposed building addition ties - proposed lot additions or severances - to illustrate information that would not be able to be included on a plan of survey - to illustrate deed descriptions for ease of reporting - to illustrate parcel configurations for descriptive purposes	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
80	Severance sketches, sketches prepared to come up with a game plan.	8/23/2016 7:04 AM
81	severance sketch, topo of a portion of a larger parcel where the area topo'd does not relate to the boundary (a patch in the middle)	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
82	Its a sketch....a representation not a factualization	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
83	Elevations and structures on site and adjoining, fences, easements. Ties to existing dwelling and sides of adjoining. Signature with no certificate.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
84	Qualifier statement	8/22/2016 8:38 PM
85	All what is required for the purpose of the project according to the signing surveyor.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
86	legal description and one item surveyor's certificate and pin number Teranet and tax company does it and they are not even surveyors	8/22/2016 8:15 PM

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87	- topographical features - elevations - property improvements such as dwellings, fences, hedges, retaining walls, etc - illustrations showing the extent of lease areas (not indicating dimensions, only indicating the surfaces to where measurements were taken) - dimensions between grid lines (as long as they do not indicate dimensions from the grid lines to the property lines) - dimensions around the perimeter or heights of buildings (as long as they are not referred to the boundaries)	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
88	Topo. Compiled boundary.	8/22/2016 6:27 PM
89	sketch for severance or a permit application. Sketch to illustrate a description so not based on filed work.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
90	Surveys of properties which do not meet the requirements & standards of a survey.	8/22/2016 6:04 PM
91	+/- distances along lines. +/- distances to boundaries	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
92	Proposed developments and minimum setback requirements, no actual ties.	8/22/2016 5:35 PM
93	Consent and variance items related to zoning and proposed property divisions. Also non-cadastral items, such as leases, or maybe a sign application.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
94	Size of parcel, proposed buildings, approximate ties	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
95	zoning or severance applications, lot grading or certificates, MDS sketches, topographical	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
96	Land Division Sketches.....Sketch to show monumentation established for corner stakes	8/22/2016 4:44 PM
97	showing fences, retaining walls for certification on new subdivisions, where the houses were SRPRs	8/22/2016 4:03 PM
98	compiled/approximate boundary, building ties	8/22/2016 4:01 PM
99	Boundary lines without bearings, buildings without ties, proposed severance lines,	8/22/2016 3:58 PM
100	Items included on Topographical surveys, Lease Sketches for rentable areas in Buildings	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
101	One example is a sketch of the proposed location of a building which illustrates building setbacks to a previously surveyed boundary, but which does NOT provide boundary dimensions (just linework) unless it is in accordance with the Regs.	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
102	a drawing to support a Severance application A drawing to show the relationship of buildings or fences to a single line. A drawing for minor variance	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
103	Landscape design where boundaries are not a consideration or a factor in the final deliverables. i.e. Partial Topographic details to facilitate design purposes.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
104	proposed location of future structures proposed limits for a severance grading plans	8/22/2016 3:33 PM
105	Planning applications, sketches showing topography, building permit sketches, retail leases	8/22/2016 3:31 PM
106	Just topographical feature.	8/22/2016 3:27 PM
107	-proposed boundaries -existing conditions	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
108	Topo info,	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
109	boundary and topographic details	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
110	Consent Applications/Zoning/Building Permits/Boundary Disputes	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
111	Committee of Adjustment Application, Deed description for illustration only, retail/commercial/office lease areas	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
112	Severance sketches. Zoning sketches. Commercial unit areas.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
113	Topographic features, road networks, proposed future infrastructure, Compiled Teranet information (if properly labeled as approximate and not verified by field survey retracement)	8/22/2016 3:20 PM
114	Recent example: City wanted a simple sketch to show location of building with ties and property dimensions (easements to I suppose) in order to acquire permit for a pool. SRPR required at a larger cost (\$700 or so extra for SRPR than Sketch.) Method of survey, fence ties, hedges, comparisons, and other regulatory requirements for SRPR seemed excessive for the required use.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
115	severance applications zoning applications topo surveys where boundaries do not need to be confirmed and / or shown complex descriptions	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
116	building permits, severance applications, title study drawings	8/22/2016 3:08 PM

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117	Severance Sketch required by municipalities. In other cases the term sketch should be avoided because it suggests a preliminary or unprofessional product. In other cases one could use "Plan Showing Topography" or "Plan Showing As-Built Elevations" or "Plan Showing Compiled Boundaries Based on Land Registration Office Records", etc. - just exclude "Survey" from the Title.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
118	As-built's for construction purposes showing foundation, foundation height and property limits only. Topo for drainage purposes Severances	8/22/2016 3:05 PM
119	In a general manner, anything product that is used as a "planning tool" could warrant the title SKETCH. This is based on the premise that a planning tool is only to be used for concepts and feasibility studies. Once a product steps into the realm of support as a "design tool" (which almost always uses property lines as setback baselines and defining features), a SKETCH is no longer valid, and must be supported by more detailed research and field work to re-establish boundaries in the conventional manner.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
120	Sketch for severance/zoning application; including tie dimensions to the sidelines, etc., if required. Sketch to depict the details of a simple stakeout (showing the wooden stakes on the line for example). Sketch showing Topographic details, where boundary is previously surveyed and known (R-Plan or M-Plan, etc.)	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
121	topography, 2d topography	8/22/2016 3:02 PM
122	A note in the title block indicating exactly what the sketch is for Distances A note indicating that this is not a plan of survey Liability Disclaimer	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
123	Nothing. Let's do real plans	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
124	a bold line with generalized dimensions	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
125	Any drawing to illustrate a surveyor's opinion (does not need to be a Plan of Survey)	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
126	Gridlines as-built that show offsets to control set on gridlines	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
127	- Boundary dimensions compiled from existing sources.	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
128	Sketch should be a sketch or estimate for the purpose provided.	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
129	boundary evidence and ties to features from those boundaries;	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
130	site plan for building permits where the boundary lines are set on R-Plan or Registered M Plans. Certain topographic survey work	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
131	- features close to line okay if sufficient survey has been done, but not necessarily a full survey. Don't need to show survey method -	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
132	Anything, provided the title makes it clear what the purpose of the sketch is for.	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
133	compiled information, proposed buildings, building envelopes, Zoning information	8/22/2016 2:50 PM
134	things not covered in the existing bulletin such as topo, title info.	8/22/2016 2:47 PM
135	Sketches for Committee of Adjustment applications, particularly in the rural area. Sketches for retail leases.	8/22/2016 2:46 PM

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Q12 List typical items you feel SHOULD NOT be permitted within the definition of a sketch:

Answered: 125 Skipped: 125

#	Responses	Date
1	Survey work when monuments are set or planted. The level of research and evidence gathered increases; focus on the boundary becomes acute and the position and location of boundary becomes important.	9/5/2016 1:25 PM
2	Anything that comes from field survey (or should I call it "observations")	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
3	Survey monuments. Comparisons with plans and deeds.	9/2/2016 1:53 PM
4	Boundaries	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
5	Measurements to buildings for zoning.	9/1/2016 3:15 PM
6	Bearings, monuments, Survey certificate	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
7	see above	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
8	In the above example if the farm house is close to property line or close to a minimum setback	9/1/2016 11:08 AM
9	Showing boundary evidence, survey method	9/1/2016 9:33 AM
10	anything that does show boundary evidence, methodology or positions relative to a certified boundary	9/1/2016 8:58 AM
11	drawings showing boundaries partially or completely from field surveys, showing monuments, showing bearing and distances.	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
12	-any sketch illustrating ties between building and boundaries, monumentation, not only provided by surveyors but by engineers , architects, designers too. The sketch should not be accepted by municipalities.	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
13	Registered or deposited plans, SRPRs.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
14	Building ties to structures, occupation.	8/31/2016 4:37 PM
15	• Plans of Survey	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
16	Location of structures. Pretending dimensions are measured. N	8/31/2016 4:07 PM
17	monuments, bearings and distances, title blocks	8/31/2016 3:00 PM
18	1. Illustration of survey method 2. Surveyors Certificate 3. Surveyor's seal 4. Title that includes "Plan of Survey"	8/31/2016 2:58 PM
19	Any plan showing an opinion of a boundary	8/31/2016 2:56 PM
20	Boundary determination and evidence. Ties from anything to a boundary limit. Areas.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
21	Cadastral survey related services	8/31/2016 2:48 PM
22	Something that looks exactly like a plan of survey. Bars, method, ties to boundary, surveyors certificate, etc.	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
23	Survey monuments should not be shown on a sketch, or a Topographic Plan for that matter, unless, of course, the topo plan is titled a Plan of Survey. Dimensions should be cited from existing registered documents wherever possible, even when the dimension has been checked in the field to support the sketch.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
24	Boundary retracement	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
25	Plan showing fences or other features along a surveyed boundary.	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
26	Defining a boundary and features related to the boundaries, done for private clients unless it shows the bars, dimensions and signed	8/31/2016 2:36 PM
27	set monuments	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
28	Anything that shows a surveyed boundary or exact ties to boundary limits	8/31/2016 2:29 PM
29	Any sketch which shows legal monuments found or set.	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
30	Sketches for real estate transactions.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM

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31	building ties to boundaries. survey monuments. signature.	8/31/2016 12:07 PM
32	Full legal boundary surveys	8/31/2016 8:24 AM
33	Legal boundary work	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
34	building setbacks, evidence, fence ties	8/30/2016 3:11 PM
35	S.R.P.R survey for the purpose of defining a property limit and bars set.	8/30/2016 3:09 PM
36	Information that only belongs on a plan of survey.	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
37	Evidence, comparisons or anything else that could be confused as a field survey.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
38	As-built drawings of any kind; anything that shows an existing feature in relation to a legal boundary.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
39	anything that involves retracement or definition of boundaries	8/29/2016 2:54 PM
40	Currently defined plans. SRPR r plan Topo where it is reasonable to expect a boundary line to constrain the design of a project.	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
41	Unfortunately, much as I hate to say this, anytime we prepare a plan with topographic information I would not allow other firms to label them as sketches. NEVER!!!!	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
42	Surveyor's certification, building ties	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
43	set monuments	8/28/2016 12:43 PM
44	boundary definition, fence certificates	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
45	Do not present Topographic & Boundary Surveys as sketches. Any survey with precise ties to features and buildings should be prepared as a full survey and generally; meet the requirements of a typical SRPR.	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
46	survey monuments and boundary retracement "methods",	8/26/2016 10:57 AM
47	no certification of the sketch no boundaries shown	8/26/2016 8:45 AM
48	bearings, PINs, survey monumentation	8/25/2016 3:32 PM
49	Distances from buildings to property limits	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
50	property boundaries	8/25/2016 9:20 AM
51	method monumentation	8/24/2016 6:09 PM
52	See #11	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
53	Boundary information, building ties,	8/24/2016 3:57 PM
54	anything related to development of the parcel or legal issues.	8/24/2016 3:02 PM
55	opinions on boundary location	8/24/2016 11:32 AM
56	any kind of reference to survey method; boundary evidence and Surveyor Certification	8/23/2016 5:32 PM
57	showing survey bars and how job set up	8/23/2016 5:30 PM
58	Any information that relates to a boundary.	8/23/2016 1:58 PM
59	measured boundaries, monuments, measured ties to features	8/23/2016 1:47 PM
60	NO BLDG OR FENCE TIES should be shown to property line. NO MONUMENTS. NO UNDERLYING FABRIC.	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
61	specific boundary information	8/23/2016 11:16 AM
62	boundary survey	8/23/2016 10:12 AM
63	Lot fabric, method of survey, dimensions on boundary lines, monumentation and OLS signature	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
64	Surveys. ie we should not allow SRPR's to become sketches.	8/23/2016 8:54 AM
65	iron bars	8/23/2016 8:39 AM
66	ANY SURVEY INVOLVING FIELD WORK OF ANY TYPE	8/23/2016 8:35 AM
67	anything that refers to the location of a feature to a boundary	8/23/2016 8:32 AM
68	anything illustrating a boundary or features along a boundary	8/23/2016 8:26 AM
69	anything that purports to specify distances to property lines such as fence locations with respect to boundaries	8/23/2016 8:20 AM

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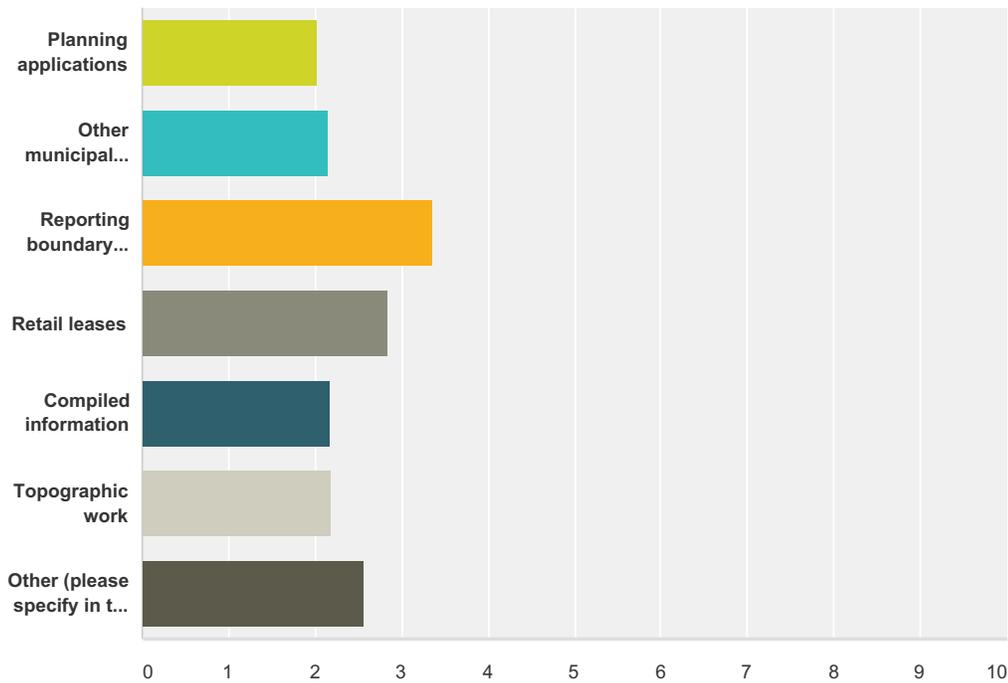
70	full boundary of the property and boundary evidence.	8/23/2016 8:13 AM
71	Boundary Surveys Severance proposals	8/23/2016 7:46 AM
72	- existing structure ties to lot lines that result in defining or opining on the extent of a parcel - monumented boundaries with dimensioning - anything that a client would rely on as being correct (or defining extent) given that it was prepared by a surveyor.	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
73	Any thing is fine as long as the information is accurate. Potential liability should be considered.	8/23/2016 7:04 AM
74	ANYTHING that any other consultant will be relying on the boundaries shown to site an improvement on the property	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
75	It DOES NOT REPRESENT A LEGAL SURVEY!!! "This sketch does not represent a legal survey and does not purport to qualify to be used as a transactional document"	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
76	Fence ties, PIN numbers, monumentation found, method.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
77	boundary	8/22/2016 9:34 PM
78	Signatures	8/22/2016 8:38 PM
79	At signing surveyor's discretion.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
80	just second certificate indicating land title search	8/22/2016 8:15 PM
81	- boundary dimensions - easement dimensions - ties from any physical features to a boundary - proposed setbacks for placement of buildings - areas of lot sizes that are finite ... ie. they do not indicate + or - areas. Finite areas infer that they were confirmed by survey	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
82	Method. Comparisons. Ties.	8/22/2016 6:27 PM
83	Anything that in any way delineates a boundary in such a manner as a lay person would construct such a delineation as the definition of said boundary.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
84	No monuments No bearings No exact distances A sketch is a sketch, not a survey	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
85	Ties to buildings or anything that could define where the boundary is located.	8/22/2016 5:35 PM
86	Boundary retracements, iron bars, survey method, items which would allow the retracement of a boundary.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
87	defined boundaries, monumentation,	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
88	Bars, method, buildings and house ties, other retracement features	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
89	New Building location Surveys. Any Survey which will form the basis of survey fabric. For example surveys that you would find on LSR or the survey index.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
90	any survey that should be a SRPR or reference plan	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
91	showing setbacks to buildings	8/22/2016 4:03 PM
92	monuments, calculations, comparisons	8/22/2016 4:01 PM
93	survey bars, bearings and distances, building ties to boundary lines.	8/22/2016 3:58 PM
94	Boundary Lines, Survey Monuments, Boundary Measurement's (bearings and distances), Building Ties, Fence Ties, Encroachment Ties,	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
95	any product that implies that a property limit was surveyed	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
96	ANY representation of a boundary which has not been surveyed at some point in accordance with the Regs.	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
97	any survey of an entire parcel of land.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
98	ANYTHING with a BOUNDARY illustrated	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
99	actual setbacks to buildings, fences etc. from property lines	8/22/2016 3:33 PM
100	drawings showing boundary retracements	8/22/2016 3:31 PM
101	Exclude any legal feature,descriptions,bearings , building ties tothe properties...	8/22/2016 3:27 PM
102	Boundary retracement	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
103	Setbacks to a boundary,	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
104	title information	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
105	Building Locations(partial SRPRs)	8/22/2016 3:23 PM

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106	topo survey, building location, fence lines, property surveys	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
107	Anything showing boundaries, building setbacks and boundary dimensions.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
108	Monuments, method of survey, ties to existing features of an accuracy more precise than listed, surveyors certificate.	8/22/2016 3:20 PM
109	any boundary work, report, plans	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
110	anything that purports to illustrate the establishment of boundary	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
111	Building locations or other features with dimensions to boundaries. MTO should be discouraged from their practice of allowing engineers to illustrate boundaries on their Base Plans for Pre-Engineering Surveys.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
112	I would say that with the proper warnings and limitation notations, then anything should be allowed, at the discretion of the professional surveyor.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
113	ties to property lines	8/22/2016 3:02 PM
114	OLS Signature Bars, Bearings, Pins Boundary retracement methodology	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
115	Precise dimensions, ties to the boundary and monuments, the words "Plans of", surveyor's certificate	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
116	partial or preliminary surveys to the client. incomplete surveys, labelled as Sketch Survey labelled sketch to get away from SRD review	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
117	plans for planning applications	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
118	Matters of opinion.	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
119	See our regulations	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
120	"P & SET" items to reset monuments; PINs and other title information	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
121	boundary surveys, survey bar replacement	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
122	n/a	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
123	metes and bounds for a boundary, measurements, title information, AOLS stickers	8/22/2016 2:50 PM
124	setbacks, survey bars	8/22/2016 2:47 PM
125	Anything that could be misconstrued as a survey.	8/22/2016 2:46 PM

Q13 Do you use sketches in your practice? If so, for what purposes do you use them?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 83



	Regularly	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	Total	Weighted Average
Planning applications	42.14% 67	28.93% 46	13.84% 22	15.09% 24	159	2.02
Other municipal applications	32.43% 48	35.14% 52	16.22% 24	16.22% 24	148	2.16
Reporting boundary information	2.74% 4	20.55% 30	13.70% 20	63.01% 92	146	3.37
Retail leases	12.93% 19	29.25% 43	18.37% 27	39.46% 58	147	2.84
Compiled information	26.42% 42	40.88% 65	20.75% 33	11.95% 19	159	2.18
Topographic work	35.48% 55	30.32% 47	12.90% 20	21.29% 33	155	2.20
Other (please specify in the comment below)	24.00% 12	30.00% 15	12.00% 6	34.00% 17	50	2.56

#	Comment	Date
1	my personal practice is actually quite limited - primarily pre-engineering surveys for transportation applications for MTO. MTO actually has specifications for "compiling" highway ROW limits - something much less than a full boundary survey with a plan. this is but one example of the many types of products that our profession and industry provide. we need the flexibility to deliver products that are something less than a full survey and plan as defined by our act and regulations. In particular our clients do not always want us to re-monument boundaries. we are capable of reporting on boundaries without the need to re-set monuments. we need to be able to tailor our services and products to meet the current demands of our clients - all within the confines of our professional obligations. If not, we will be left behind and others will fill the void left by our reluctance to adapt.	9/2/2016 1:46 PM

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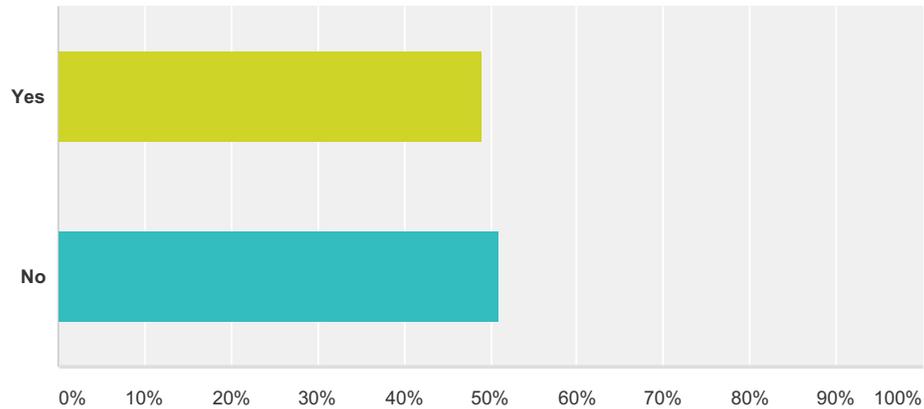
2	-sketch showing trees/ contours/ volume calculations	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
3	Our government office does not have any products labelled sketches, however there is a longstanding practice of compiling boundary information with topographic information.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
4	I'm not actually sure how many "sketches" are used for Planning Applications or other municipal applications. We are often asked by municipalities or other clients (even sophisticated ones such as MTO etc.) to provide pre-engineering or topographic surveys with a compiled boundary or related to the municipal parcel mapping. We always attempt to promote the value of a Plan of Survey with Topographic Detail (full boundary survey with topographic detail done according to regulations) or Surveyor's Real Property Report (where appropriate). If it is likely the boundaries will be relied upon and setback limits are going to be important then we insist that a full Plan of Survey be done (in order to mitigate potential associated risks). For some projects however compiled boundaries are sufficient, and in most cases if we do not supply this demand then it is satisfied elsewhere (via technical firms, professional engineers/engineering technologists etc.). What is important to underline when providing sketches I believe is including a cautionary note in the title block(similar to the note we would place if an underground utility locator has provided locates) that states: → This is not a plan of survey and shall not be used except for the purpose indicated. No guarantee is made as to accuracy or completeness of compiled boundaries, property lines or parcel mapping shown. Boundaries must be confirmed prior to being relied upon. It could go a step further and indicate that Boundaries must be confirmed by an Ontario Land Surveyor prior to being relied upon.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
5	I cannot imagine how multi disciplinary companies would not be using sketches/graphical illustrations on a regular basis even if just within the companies regardless of supplying them to enhance deliverables to other clients.	8/31/2016 3:01 PM
6	1. Demolition sketches 2. Sketches to request for quotations from survey consultants	8/31/2016 2:58 PM
7	Quantities, layout well inside a boundary and not near any easements. I would use sketches more if I could. Saves a lot of checking time when a boundary is not needed. Seems like everything we do needs a boundary on it even if the client doesn't need it and won't be working near any boundaries.	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
8	building permit applications, severance sketches,	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
9	We occasionally compile a boundary for illustration on a topographic plan but we call it a topographic plan, not a sketch.	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
10	Proposed encroachments unto municipal property/roads	8/31/2016 2:19 PM
11	Occasionally prepare a Sketch showing Topographic information if the client does not require the boundary information for their purpose. We do not show bars, bearings and distances or ties to the lines but do enough research and field work to re-establish the limits. If they need the boundary then a signed Plan of Survey is prepared. Only real difference in office and field work is the setting of bars and signing of plan.	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
12	Client must be made aware of what the difference between what they are getting and a full survey.	8/30/2016 3:11 PM
13	Illustrations to present findings for internal purposes only and to assist in explaining facts.	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
14	A sketch showing anything proposed is an essential part of the development package. Without it, we might as well close the profession down and all become engineers.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
15	to illustrate a metes and bounds description for a lawyer or client who can't follow that type of description.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
16	Wind farm contracts usually include providing GIS data on boundaries. In some cases I never produce a plan even though bars have been set	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
17	in certain construction scenarios when the sites are requesting very specific information (and a plan of survey is overkill)	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
18	see #11	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
19	as indicated in 11.	8/24/2016 3:02 PM
20	Descriptive Plan.	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
21	Construction layout. Planning application - If current SRPR/TOPO available on file then we prepare a Land Division Sketch. Municipality always require legal survey.	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
22	conceptual	8/23/2016 10:12 AM
23	Drainage , grading plans, graphic info from field, accident locates, engineering data plots, private info plots, deed plots etc.	8/23/2016 8:27 AM
24	if a topo survey shows a boundary it should not be considered a sketch	8/23/2016 8:26 AM
25	sketches illustrating instructions to surveyors given gov't contracts, sketches illustrating existing land use/land tenure	8/23/2016 8:20 AM

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26	Fencing sketches / Catchbasin sketches for Municipal approval as part of subdivision development process	8/23/2016 7:43 AM
27	As Constructed Information	8/23/2016 7:19 AM
28	We prepare descriptive maps (not plans) to illustrate proposed settlement lands. We employ sketches on a regular basis to illustrate lands to be surveyed.	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
29	Topographical plans are signed by our Engineering dept. not by an OLS	8/23/2016 7:04 AM
30	No Surveyors Certificate No bearing Note No survey monuments (+ -) bearing (+ -) distance "No Site Attendance" Title: " Offrice Sketch to Illustrate...."	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
31	I use them to speed up release of the info to the client. Surveyors are generally under intense pressure to produce the topo survey quickly so the project can move to the design phase. An SRPR takes longer to produce.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
32	I don't like using the word sketch as it degrades my presentation. I rather use "plan".	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
33	I usually prepare plans of survey or SRPR with topo.	8/22/2016 6:27 PM
34	Topographic work should not be presented as a sketch. It is a "plan" but not a "sketch" nor a "survey". There should be standards set for topographic plans especially with respect to depicting boundaries.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
35	engineering drawings!	8/22/2016 4:01 PM
36	Sketches of proposed locations of buildings (as above).	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
37	Location of travelled roads	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
38	We do a lot of work for Municipalities, Transportation and Utility companies that want to ensure their plant is installed on the public thoroughfare and not on private property. They routinely asked us to prepare a 'sketch', sometimes many kilometres long, showing the location of our stakes along the streetline. They don't care about our method of survey; or paying to have the streetline monumented at proscribed intervals; what the PINs are on the subject and adjoining lands or pretty much anything else in Reg. 216/10, 525/91 and 43/96. They know we are licenced professional surveyors and they expect and will pay us to do all of the research, retracement calculations and field work necessary for us to set wood stakes along the street line and illustrate our results in a simple and coherent manner in the form of a sketch. If the regulations are changed so that we have to prepare these sketches in the form of a survey, who gains? Where is the value added from the clients' (who are also members of the public) perspective?	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
39	Boundary Disputes (details of the boundary in question)	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
40	committee of adjustment application	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
41	As-Builts	8/22/2016 3:05 PM
42	Site Plans	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
43	Sent to surveyors for cost estimates and they are entitled "Sketch..."	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
44	Sketch to illustrate is not a survey, any more than a topo is a survey, unless it needs to be, then it is, and needs to be labelled as a survey	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
45	Illustrating encroachments, tree locations, fence locations etc. both no public and private property for municipal enforcement purposes.	8/22/2016 2:53 PM

Q14 Do you think it is appropriate to illustrate on a sketch the location of a physical feature with respect to a boundary that has been certified by an OLS?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 91



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	49.06% 78
No	50.94% 81
Total	159

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1	An approximate dimension to illustrate distance from boundary.	9/5/2016 1:25 PM
2	Depends on who is making the illustration.	9/2/2016 1:53 PM
3	sure, providing that we have done our due diligence. we need the flexibility to produce a plan (or sketch or whatever we want to call it) that clearly indicates what is being surveyed and/or certified and what is just background for information purposes.	9/2/2016 1:46 PM
4	Not sure, could depend on the situation.	9/2/2016 5:29 AM
5	becomes a plan of survey if you provide measurements to the boundary	9/1/2016 1:53 PM
6	Are you saying that the physical feature was previously located and now being shown on a sketch?	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
7	not at least without a qualifying remark that said information is not compiled or calculated but is based upon actual field measurements	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
8	As long as the boundary that has been certified has been certified by the same OLS/firm that is showing the location of the physical feature wrt the boundary. Although compiled boundaries are shown on topographic plans there is still a duty of care by the OLS to ensure sufficient monuments have been found to properly compile a boundary. Boundary compilation if done properly can be relied upon (for certain purposes). Other organizations such as ACLS allow for boundary compilation in certain products as long as it is done to their spec so why can we not do this?	9/1/2016 9:33 AM
9	No if existing Yes if proposed only	9/1/2016 8:58 AM
10	the cadastral surveyor should provide a plan of survey or SRPR.	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
11	If the illustrating OLS is the same as the certifying OLS, yes. Does "illustrate on a sketch" mean label dimensions? If CAD products are delivered where dimensions can be read by users to the millimetre, is such a distinction still relevant today?	8/31/2016 5:29 PM

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12	Unless the underlying boundary has been already retraced by the same OLS and there is a note indicating the case. In most circumstances however a Plan of Survey should be completed (according to the regulations). Especially if the sketch will be used as evidence of encroachments.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
13	Provided that the information is related to the date of survey with the caveat that it remains unchanged from the date of survey.	8/31/2016 3:27 PM
14	I presume the OLS will have certified the boundary by means of signing a Surveyor's Certificate (Form 1) - in which case it will be a survey, not a sketch.	8/31/2016 2:58 PM
15	That is a plan of survey.	8/31/2016 2:56 PM
16	Certified by the same surveyor the day before?? Certified by another surveyor 10 years ago?? The question and most probably the mindset here is ambiguous. The boundary still has to be run on the ground using proper surveying EVIDENCE AND METHODOLOGY to show a tie to something, otherwise what is it related to?? You HAVE to perform a boundary survey on a line, even if it is only one line, on the ground to show a tie to something!!!! It appears to me that either most surveyors have forgotten what a boundary survey is, or possibly never knew in the first place.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
17	I think with respect to a fence, edge of cliff, cultivation line etc. (even though this may be the boundary line), call it a sketch, but if you show a boundary line, it's a plan of survey.	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
18	This is dependent upon the purpose of the sketch, but, yes, that is the sort of information the client is likely looking for. Again, usually field work would be required to determine the position of the physical feature. The "Sketch" is for presentation purposes to the building department, land division committee, etc.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
19	If done by the same OLS	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
20	as long as the OLS is comfortable with the position of the boundary and the object.	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
21	you can show the boundary and put a note that it is approximate. You SHOULD NOT show legal monuments.	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
22	As long as the field work and research is done properly to confirm the information what does it matter how it is graphically shown.	8/31/2016 2:24 PM
23	Provided that it's the same OLS or company that has done all of the work previously.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
24	If the physical feature is proposed, then yes. If the physical feature is existing and shown in another SRPR/Plan of Survey, then yes as long as that boundary has been previously surveyed by that surveyor. Providing all fieldwork and drafting has been performed to the current regulations. The regulations need to reflect current technology and the use of current technology must be practiced with redundant techniques to eliminate errors.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
25	If the OLS is currently certifying ALL the information shown on the sketch. ie, the illustration is not someone sketching on top of a previously certified plan.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
26	it depends on the purpose of the sketch	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
27	If proper retracement and ties have been performed, why not use a plan of survey?	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
28	Yes. Example: a Minor variance application is for a specific distance. A formal survey plan to present the methodology of boundary retracement and the resultant measurement seems to be overkill.	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
29	see #11	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
30	but without ties	8/23/2016 5:30 PM
31	Along as measures are taken of the boundary	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
32	not with an indication of certainty and not without a caution	8/23/2016 1:47 PM
33	NOT ALLOWED. The earlier OLS surveyed the property limit and prepared a Plan of Survey under all the regulations. If you want to agree or disagree with the other surveyor.....you need to compare apples with apples....so prepare a PLAN OF SURVEY.....	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
34	Yes, but only as a +/- distance to the decimeter	8/23/2016 11:16 AM
35	If it is for non-boundary matters and was recently certified by the same OLS that is now preparing the sketch.	8/23/2016 10:12 AM
36	This would be a site plan of survey, no boundary bars just bearings and distance +/- (this is not a plan of survey)	8/23/2016 9:32 AM
37	As long as the sketch is limited to showing the above information.	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
38	if you are the surveyor that certified the boundary or have satisfied yourself that you agree with the work of the previous surveyor	8/23/2016 8:20 AM

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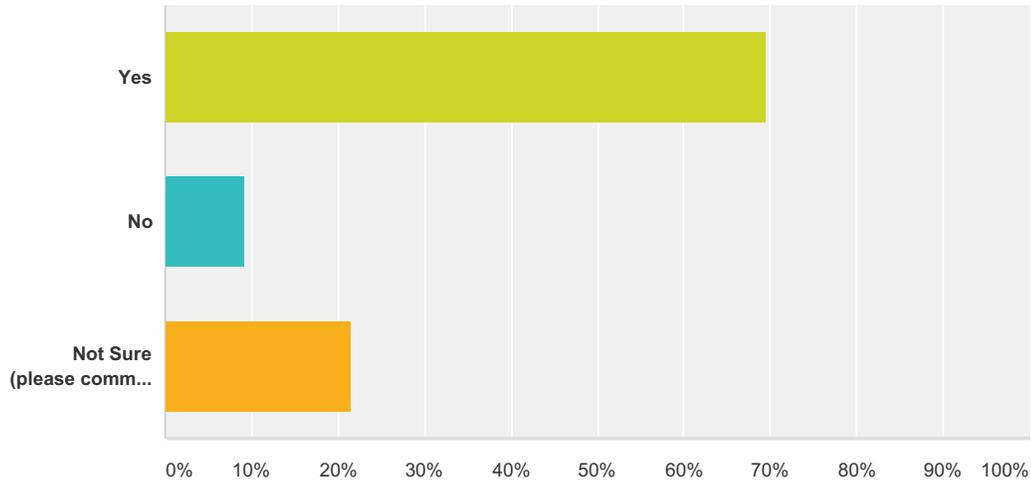
39	I believe it is appropriate depending on the purpose the sketch is prepared for, i.e. not for private boundary issues, where the initial establishment of the boundary was by us.	8/23/2016 7:43 AM
40	This would give the user of the sketch an indication that the extent of the parcel has been confirmed ob the sketch	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
41	suitable for a severance sketch for instance but with a plus or minus or a disclaimer that final may be different.	8/23/2016 7:04 AM
42	is it okay for another artist to paint the smile on the mona lisa? my plan - my signature - my assessment of the evidence	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
43	unless field verified and so noted on the sketch	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
44	Only if I did the boundary calcs.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
45	Encroachments plans are prepared exclusively for this purpose. I have a right to mark the property line on the ground. I see no regulations forbidding me from reporting the result of the work in a form of a plan or sketch.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
46	why not	8/22/2016 8:15 PM
47	If the feature is shown on a plan of survey, then it is not a sketch ...	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
48	That means that a delineation of the boundary has to on the sketch with no evidence to support that delination.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
49	Prepare a plan of survey	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
50	But I think it should be set in a tabular form on the side with reference only to the minimum setbacks or ties to existing property lines. Therefore a user could not layoff a particular tie or distance from say a building corner to establish a property boundary; but the data can still be used to obtain a minor variance for a particular yard.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
51	not clear	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
52	As long as the boundary retracement has been completed in accordance with current legislation and the sketch references the prepared SRPR or other type of plan.	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
53	As long as it is very simple in nature and will not form or be used for the basis of the survey fabric.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
54	Again having a full range of products to offer seems more fair to the public than having to tell them we can only do this more expensive option.	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
55	If you're showing a feature and a boundary on a sketch how can this be avoided?	8/22/2016 3:56 PM
56	If the boundary has, at some point, been surveyed in accordance with the Reg's. As long as the sketch does not look like a Plan of Survey.	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
57	Boundary Certified by an OLS = LEGAL survey. Be that an SRPR, Plan with Topography or other plan that bears the full Surveyors Certificate	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
58	I don't like the wording. Do you mean you provided a boundary survey with an STD sticker and then a sketch showing a set back - then YES. If you did not provide a product with an STD sticker - then NO.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
59	I am not sure I understand the question.	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
60	crazy to do so	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
61	I think its appropriate except that the current rules prohibit doing so.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
62	sketch helps clarify reports sketch helps to show where iron bars are relative to other features sketch / picture is worth a thousand words	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
63	Yes, if the OLS surveyed the property and is now preparing a Severance Sketch - which is specifically required by municipalities.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
64	with the notation that it is an illustration; not a confirmation.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
65	Mostly no! Depends on the situation, is the dimension generalized? Is it part of a plan of survey previously done for the same client?	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
66	Please be specific - Certified by ANY OLS, or by yourself. I would have a sketch in this instance as a part of a larger file that contains all of the elements of the project required, and the project number on the sketch to illustrate.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
67	At most to one decimal and clearly shown as estimate with a +/-	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
68	Often we do boundary confirmation surveys - just marking out a boundary on the ground for a client. Sometimes it is useful to be able to include a simple sketch documenting what we found for the client - something that can be prepared in 15 minutes, not 4 hours of drafting time plus OLS review.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
69	depends on the circumstances and for what purpose the sketch is intended for	8/22/2016 2:55 PM

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70	But what is the mechanism for OLS certification?	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
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Q15 Do the sketches you prepare conform to the current regulations, standards and guidelines?(For current guidelines, please refer to the Practice Manual: <http://www.aols.org/about-us/practice-manual>)

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	69.48% 107
No	9.09% 14
Not Sure (please comment below)	21.43% 33
Total	154

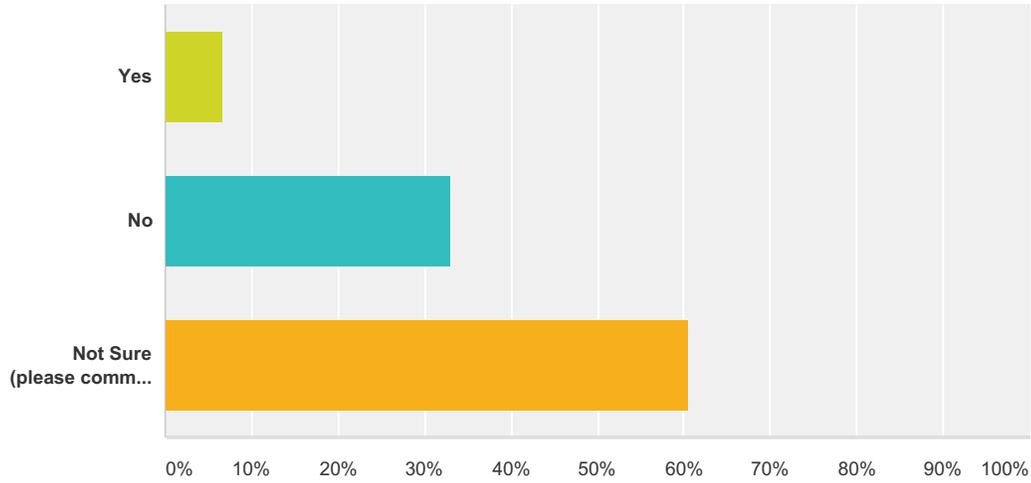
#	Comment	Date
1	Notes on sketch - not a plan of survey; for internal clients only.	9/5/2016 1:25 PM
2	our firm met to discuss. we had a hard time reaching a consensus. everyone deals with this a bit differently. what I have been hearing, as a member of the Complaints committee and a member of Council - is a fairly vocal group of surveyors (I suspect a minority) who are upset about how this impacts their practice. that's fair enough but their solution is to deal with this as an all or nothing proposition. "if we are showing property fabric in anyway, it needs to be a full boundary survey and plan". anything less violates our regulations. engineers, architects and others are producing plans that show boundaries along with all kinds of related information - structures, improvements, by-law requirements, etc. If any professional should be permitted to do this, it is the Surveyor. we don't just do cadastral surveys. In fact, in larger Survey and multi-discipline firms, cadastral surveys may only represent 10-15% of our business.	9/2/2016 1:46 PM
3	I prepare and use them based on my years of experience in the profession and don't make regular reference to the guidelines.	9/1/2016 7:31 AM
4	We do not have "Sketch" products labelled as such.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
5	We are often producing full Plans of Survey (as we can often convince clients that this is beneficial). However in some cases where a full Plan of Survey is not required, sketches or topographic plans showing compiled boundaries or cross-referenced to parcel mapping are suitable and we attempt to follow the guidelines presented (including a clear cautionary note).	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
6	I think the generally do. We make an effort to clearly differentiate them from a Plan of Survey	8/31/2016 2:40 PM

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7	The current guidelines are vague and don't apply to the type of sketches we prepare typically.	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
8	Quite often we'll show more information than what is allowed under the guidelines but less than what is required for a plan of survey..	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
9	We do not show boundary information or ties to the limits on a Sketch	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
10	Not sure what the current standards are they appear vague.	8/30/2016 3:09 PM
11	The current guidelines are missing the example of a sketch that was included in the previous (pre-2015) version of the guidelines, which showed what a sketch should look like.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
12	But basically we're not calling them sketches. If I'm signing a drawing, it's a plan.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
13	Regs don't cover everything. Eg basic printout from a cad file.	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
14	I do not prepare them, I ask for them to be prepared for me.	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
15	I probably do not conform. However, this debate has pushed me to understand the issues better and encouraged me to improve and clarify presentation on sketches as well as full Topographic Surveys	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
16	see #11	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
17	Most do conform, but on occasion the client's (ie: the local municipality) specifications dictate some non-conformity on how the info is presented on the "Sketch"	8/24/2016 12:09 PM
18	sketches are prepared per requirements of client, may or may not be regulated	8/24/2016 11:32 AM
19	Not in all cases.	8/23/2016 8:54 AM
20	Except I always calculate the boundary just as I would with a Surveyor's Real Property Report. A note stating the same is shown on the face of the sketch.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
21	We do not prepare sketches that have boundary information	8/22/2016 8:18 PM
22	we show very little on sketches. If additional information is necessary we do a plan of survey	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
23	Depends on the Sketch. Some things which we label as a sketch which are very different than a boundary survey would not adhere.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
24	My role in the firm does not deal with sketches. I would assume they do.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
25	Where boundary is shown on Topo Survey; all the required work to develop the opinion has been carried out but other than boundary dimensions and area, but other info (bars, ties) are not shown.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
26	We have adjusted our practice and are trying to more closely adhere to the regs and manual.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
27	We only do plans of survey with a Form 1 certificate and an AOLS Sticker	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
28	mine do in ALL respects	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
29	Shouldn't everyone provide the answer YES	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
30	Not always - we show boundary monuments found sometimes. Sometimes we'll photocopy a portion of a public plan and mark it up with our findings and submit that to a client. We will also mark up a copy of a reference plan and submit it as a severance sketch.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
31	I try but I'm sure there are lapses	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
32	It is not clearly defined as to what sketches can be used for, I do not use them anymore	8/22/2016 2:50 PM

Q16 Do the sketches your OLS competitors prepare conform to the current regulations, standards and guidelines?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 98



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	6.58% 10
No	32.89% 50
Not Sure (please comment below)	60.53% 92
Total	152

#	Comment	Date
1	I do not think this is an issue in the rural area that I provide surveying services.	9/2/2016 5:29 AM
2	Topo sketch showing boundaries with building tied	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
3	I have not viewed their sketches	9/1/2016 1:53 PM
4	some yes and some no	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
5	Not sure if compiling a boundary as long as there is a clear note stating this, and showing no evidence or method equates to non-conformance of current standard Many clients such as MTO, TTC, municipalities specify that for certain products boundaries are to be compiled	9/1/2016 9:33 AM
6	I don't sketches as an issue.	9/1/2016 7:31 AM
7	Not applicable to my govt office.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
8	Not always, but the majority I believe do.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
9	rarely see a sketch from a competitor	8/31/2016 2:56 PM
10	Some do conform, most not.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
11	Some do, most don't. I have seen a sketch call a bar a centimeter out!!!! who calls anything out for a centimeter?!	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
12	We don't often see a sketch from another firm. As such, I don't know how my sketches compare to others.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
13	They do not call it a sketch or a survey to get around the regulation.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
14	Don't see any on regular basis	8/31/2016 2:31 PM

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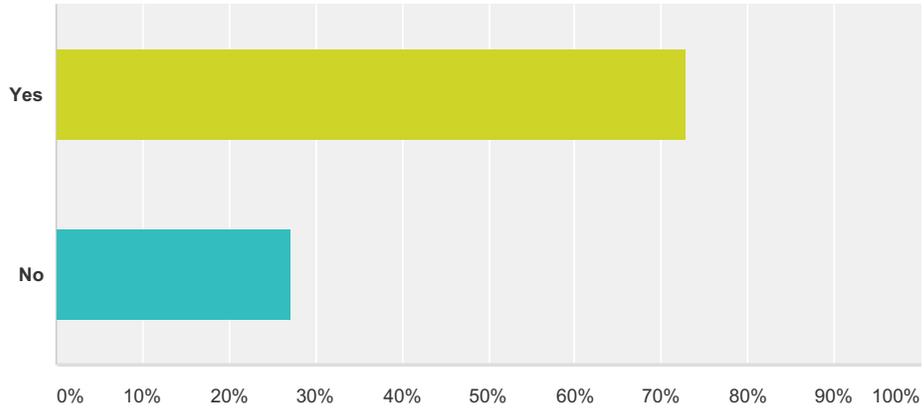
15	I have seen very few of my competitors sketches.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
16	Observations of products prepared by private sector surveyors	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
17	Compiled plans created from legacy CAD files could start to become an issue that will need clarification. Given the confusion of sketches, I shudder to think how long it would before any of the current dinosaurs and dis-functionaries could even comprehend the issues surrounding that.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
18	I haven't seen any.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
19	Same as above though some use the sketch to do less work than otherwise required by regs. But as long as the client understands the reliability and limitations of a particular sketch and is satisfied, why force the client to pay for more?	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
20	some do, some don't	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
21	I do not see sketches prepared by others.	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
22	The few severance sketches that I have seen from competitors are similar to those that I prepare	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
23	Don't see their sketch products on a regular basis	8/26/2016 10:57 AM
24	some do and some don't	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
25	Yes but not always. I do on occasion come across a topographic sketch that has ties to a compiled boundary. This does not make sense really but I have seen it from time to time.	8/24/2016 6:09 PM
26	no comment	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
27	Most do conform, but on occasion the client's (ie: the local municipality) specifications dictate some non-conformity on how the info is presented on the "Sketch"	8/24/2016 12:09 PM
28	seldom pay too much attention to competitors sketches, seldom see them	8/24/2016 11:32 AM
29	rarely see other surveyor's sketches	8/23/2016 5:30 PM
30	In my past practice I was aware that many other firms took the approach that whenever it was convenient to use sketch to minimize fieldwork to title the product a sketch.	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
31	although I now work exclusively in geodetic & engineering, when I was running my father's cadastral practice following his unexpected death I sometimes encountered sketches which were, in fact, SRPRs (measured boundaries, exact ties to buildings etc)	8/23/2016 1:47 PM
32	Some SRPR's prepared are more sketches than anything else. there should be an anonymous box or email ID whereall OLS's can submit other surveyors plans for review at the AOLS office.....not a lot of us out there....so it takes only a handful to put a bad name for our profession.	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
33	Some are okay and some do not conform. Just like most other types of surveys there are firms with integrity and there are those with little regard for the regulations.	8/23/2016 10:12 AM
34	See sketch's (site plans prepared by average Joe and engineering firms)	8/23/2016 9:32 AM
35	Don't have any competitors, but I have seen sketches that look like surveys.	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
36	Some OLS competitors do, some don't.	8/23/2016 8:56 AM
37	gov't - no competitors	8/23/2016 8:20 AM
38	Have not concerned myself with what our competitors provide	8/23/2016 7:43 AM
39	I don't monitor what my competitors are doing	8/23/2016 7:26 AM
40	N/A - government	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
41	For the most part, no.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
42	Most of my competition conforms with current regulations.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
43	I cannot recall in recent times seeing a sketch prepared by another survey firm	8/22/2016 8:18 PM
44	The ones that show monuments and boundary information based on surveys do not meet current regulations	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
45	I do not see a lot sketches by my competitors.	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
46	Again depends on the purpose.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
47	Don't see them so cannot comment	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
48	sometimes	8/22/2016 4:01 PM

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49	Generally don't get to see them	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
50	Not the topo sketches.	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
51	Some do, many do not as they are pretend SRPR's or legal plans	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
52	We have seen too many "boundary surveys" called sketches. We do contact the Surveyors to discuss our concerns.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
53	never really did a peer review of them. can recall seeing "sketch showing elevations"	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
54	don't see a lot of competitors work	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
55	I do would imagine that most use Sketches in some way from time to time, but I do not make a habit of checking to see what others are doing.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
56	Haven't seen any in a while. Some did and some did not conform.	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
57	They are garbage. We have clients bring sketches prepared by competitors that they can't get their building permits with.	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
58	awareness of the current reg's the largest problem	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
59	very limited competition	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
60	Have seen many instances where they do and many where they do not.	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
61	haven't see any	8/22/2016 2:55 PM

Q17 In your area, do you find that sketches are prepared by non-OLS firms such as engineering, planning, architects or technical firms?

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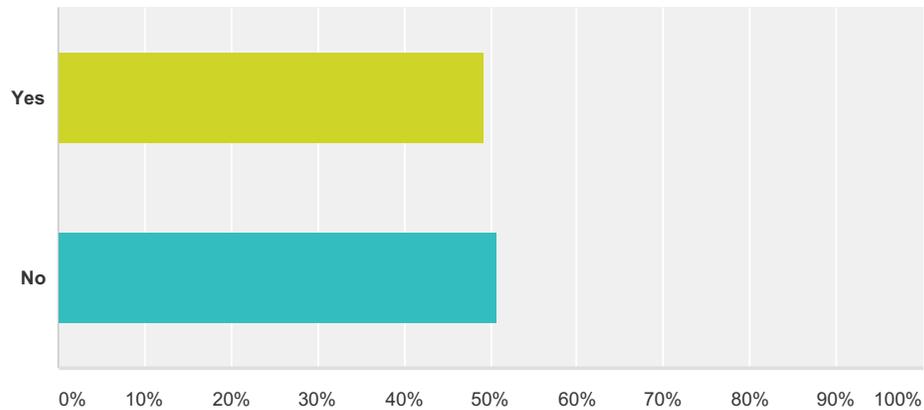


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	72.78% 115
No	27.22% 43
Total	158

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Q18 If sketches are being prepared by non-OLS firms in your area, do you find them difficult to compete with?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 124



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	49.21% 62
No	50.79% 64
Total	126

#	Comment	Date
1	I often come across site plans showing topographic information with no boundaries shown, or prepared with a base of up-to-date existing boundary survey by a licenced surveyor.	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
2	we do not compete for this kind of work. we act more as a trusted advisor to existing and potential clients, IE: we are not competing on price only.	9/2/2016 1:46 PM
3	Minor Variances and rezoning do not have to be prepared by an OLS but consents do	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
4	unknown	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
5	How the municipalities accept them?	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
6	There are many municipal GIS systems that allow users to measure between features on orthoimagery to Ontario Parcel boundaries. (Ref: City of Burlington)	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
7	Within our own firm there are many engineering departments that complete surveys on their own, showing property requirement plans (which could be construed as sketches), topographic plans with boundaries compiled from records, etc. It is cheaper to compile a boundary than to fully retrace a boundary, I have a feeling we do lose out on work because we tend to always promote completing a full Plan of Survey. More and more municipalities are requesting that only compiled plans be done - since they are no longer requiring Plans of Survey (likely because they no longer have OLSs on staff) there is no longer a need for an OLS to be involved. They often prefer things be related to their parcel mapping so plans can be easily represented in their GIS systems.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
8	They are usually sketches to fulfill their purposes, and there is no competition.	8/31/2016 2:58 PM
9	It is far more difficult to compete with surveyors who are producing full blown BOUNDARY SKETCHES than any technical firms.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
10	How can you compete?	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
11	the article on sketches in the recent quarterly mentioned competition with technical firms as a potential issue. I do not see this as an issue whatsoever in the GBRG. We use sketches when needed to serve our clients, not to gain a competitive edge.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM

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12	Of course they do want they want with little regard for survey information. Topographic plans prepared by an O.L.S, usually have reasonable boundary information.	8/30/2016 3:09 PM
13	Could have impact on private sector OLS's	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
14	The current (pre-2015) guidelines allow for the creation of a professional, competitive sketch.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
15	These sketches are not subject to SRD review, and are done very cheaply.	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
16	Especially topographic	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
17	I am in government, so 'competition' is a non-issue.	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
18	I never saw one.	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
19	Difficult question to answer because I don't have enough information on pricing etc. Customers don't come to me for price on a sketch. They come to me for expertise on the whole severance process or expertise on sketch preparation that must be completed by an OLS	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
20	we don't prepare sketches so we don't care	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
21	They are not surveys	8/24/2016 12:16 PM
22	gov't - no competitors	8/23/2016 8:20 AM
23	I do not find "sketches" have any real value so I do not feel there is "competition"	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
24	engineers prepare "plans showing existing conditions" all the time. They are not subject to scrutiny by their Association. Municipalities should be lobbied to restrict any development design to plans prepared and signed by surveyors.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
25	I discredit that work and request a work to be redone.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
26	Sketches by non-OLS's are for permit applications only.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
27	They are inaccurate and usually pretty poor.	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
28	They have no liability and use such statements as boundary information must be confirmed prior to construction	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
29	Depends what they are trying to portray. Topo surveys are commonly prepared by others. Building foundation locations should not be done by others.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
30	n/a	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
31	Only very rarely that I have encountered, and that is usually when the client did not get what they needed for their purposes.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
32	If the sketch is a non-boundary sketch, we compete just fine.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
33	Often are Engineering firms who "throw in" the field work at a reduced cost.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
34	The AOLS should either try to stop this current activity by engineers, planners, technical firms or not put OLS's at a competitive disadvantage.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
35	we have enough competition among our own members who do not properly value their products. Other, non-OLS firms are even worse!	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
36	Only OLS's are stupid enough to do sketches	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
37	They can be difficult to compete with, yes - they have complete flexibility over what they show on the sketches, without review.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM

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Q19 How many sketches have you personally prepared so far in 2016?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 112

#	Responses	Date
1	10	9/5/2016 1:25 PM
2	0	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
3	0	9/2/2016 1:53 PM
4	assuming that the pre-engineering plans hat i prepare (with compiled highway ROW limits) would be considered a sketch, 50-100. Note to questions 20 below - we show found evidence but not methodology.	9/2/2016 1:46 PM
5	None	9/2/2016 5:29 AM
6	1	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
7	5	9/1/2016 3:15 PM
8	0	9/1/2016 1:53 PM
9	several >50	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
10	0	9/1/2016 11:11 AM
11	<10	9/1/2016 9:33 AM
12	less than 5	9/1/2016 8:34 AM
13	< 10	9/1/2016 7:31 AM
14	12	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
15	30	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
16	Nil	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
17	20	8/31/2016 4:37 PM
18	None in 2016, previously we were issuing topographic plans with compiled boundaries for some clients.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
19	1	8/31/2016 4:07 PM
20	1	8/31/2016 3:27 PM
21	2	8/31/2016 2:58 PM
22	5 or 6?	8/31/2016 2:56 PM
23	many	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
24	5 - 8	8/31/2016 2:48 PM
25	2	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
26	about 5	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
27	5-10	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
28	20 +/-	8/31/2016 2:36 PM
29	5-10	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
30	Less than 10	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
31	10	8/31/2016 2:29 PM
32	0	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
33	10	8/31/2016 2:24 PM
34	One	8/31/2016 2:21 PM

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35	2	8/31/2016 2:19 PM
36	several hundred - mostly for Building permit and severance	8/31/2016 8:24 AM
37	10	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
38	0	8/30/2016 3:11 PM
39	Not sure 15 or so	8/30/2016 3:09 PM
40	5	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
41	I don't really count, but it must be about 20.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
42	we have done about 10 plans that others would do as a sketch	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
43	10 to 30 depending on what you count. A diagram in a report that shows the position of a fence post?	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
44	20-30	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
45	0	8/29/2016 9:33 AM
46	lots	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
47	30 to 40 for severances	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
48	none	8/26/2016 10:57 AM
49	many	8/26/2016 8:45 AM
50	15 +/-	8/25/2016 3:32 PM
51	1 or 2	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
52	0	8/25/2016 9:20 AM
53	zero	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
54	15	8/24/2016 3:57 PM
55	2	8/24/2016 3:02 PM
56	30 - 40	8/24/2016 12:09 PM
57	15-20	8/24/2016 11:32 AM
58	40-50	8/23/2016 5:32 PM
59	10+- for constructions purposes on rplan or plan of subdivision. Never on metes and bounds.	8/23/2016 5:30 PM
60	None	8/23/2016 1:58 PM
61	none	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
62	0	8/23/2016 1:47 PM
63	50 approx.....all for const layout...	8/23/2016 11:43 AM
64	none	8/23/2016 11:16 AM
65	19	8/23/2016 10:12 AM
66	none only site plans that are turned into SRPR's	8/23/2016 9:32 AM
67	50	8/23/2016 9:09 AM
68	5	8/23/2016 8:56 AM
69	Many	8/23/2016 8:54 AM
70	10	8/23/2016 8:39 AM
71	10 +/-	8/23/2016 8:35 AM
72	10	8/23/2016 8:32 AM
73	4 or 5	8/23/2016 8:26 AM
74	Staff have prepared 100's	8/23/2016 8:20 AM
75	15	8/23/2016 8:13 AM

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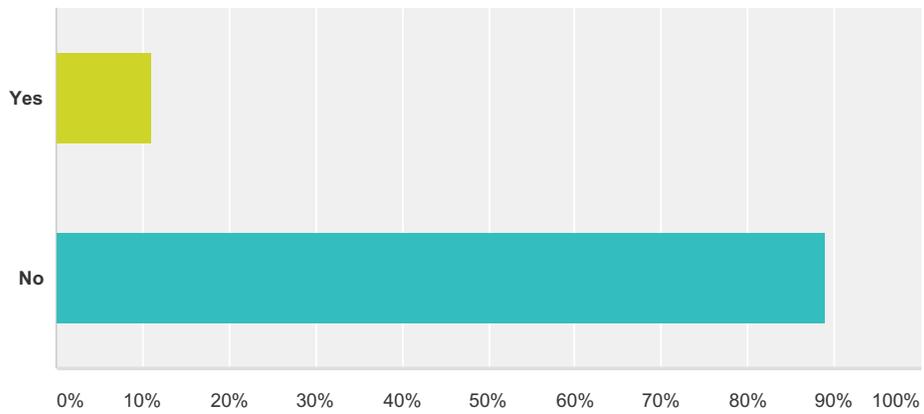
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77	20-30	8/23/2016 7:43 AM
78	10-15	8/23/2016 7:26 AM
79	50	8/23/2016 7:19 AM
80	N/A	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
81	1	8/23/2016 7:04 AM
82	0	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
83	one for a committee of adjustment who specifically asked for a "sketch" wich a layman could have submitted	8/23/2016 1:36 AM
84	5-8	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
85	4	8/22/2016 9:34 PM
86	5	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
87	None	8/22/2016 8:18 PM
88	10	8/22/2016 8:15 PM
89	several	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
90	0	8/22/2016 6:27 PM
91	5 +/-	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
92	15-20	8/22/2016 6:04 PM
93	2 or3	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
94	20	8/22/2016 5:35 PM
95	3	8/22/2016 5:35 PM
96	13	8/22/2016 5:19 PM
97	50	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
98	10	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
99	Many. But we also prepare many full surveys.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
100	3	8/22/2016 4:51 PM
101	at least a dozen	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
102	50?	8/22/2016 4:44 PM
103	maybe 3	8/22/2016 4:03 PM
104	0-100 depending on definition	8/22/2016 4:01 PM
105	approx. a dozen.	8/22/2016 3:58 PM
106	3	8/22/2016 3:41 PM
107	1 or 2	8/22/2016 3:35 PM
108	25	8/22/2016 3:33 PM
109	100	8/22/2016 3:31 PM
110	0	8/22/2016 3:27 PM
111	0	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
112	0	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
113	15	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
114	0	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
115	Not many, less then 5.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
116	25-50	8/22/2016 3:20 PM

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117	0	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
118	15	8/22/2016 3:10 PM
119	10	8/22/2016 3:09 PM
120	2	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
121	None. I don't do severances and the as-builts I have done I have done as SRPR's even though our clients do not want this product.	8/22/2016 3:05 PM
122	10-15	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
123	5 or 6	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
124	15-20	8/22/2016 3:02 PM
125	20	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
126	0	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
127	~5	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
128	perhaps a dozen	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
129	0	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
130	10	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
131	20-30	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
132	approximately 10	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
133	two or three	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
134	10	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
135	3?	8/22/2016 2:53 PM
136	none	8/22/2016 2:50 PM
137	10	8/22/2016 2:48 PM
138	10	8/22/2016 2:47 PM

Q20 Do your sketches show survey evidence and methodology?

Answered: 154 Skipped: 96

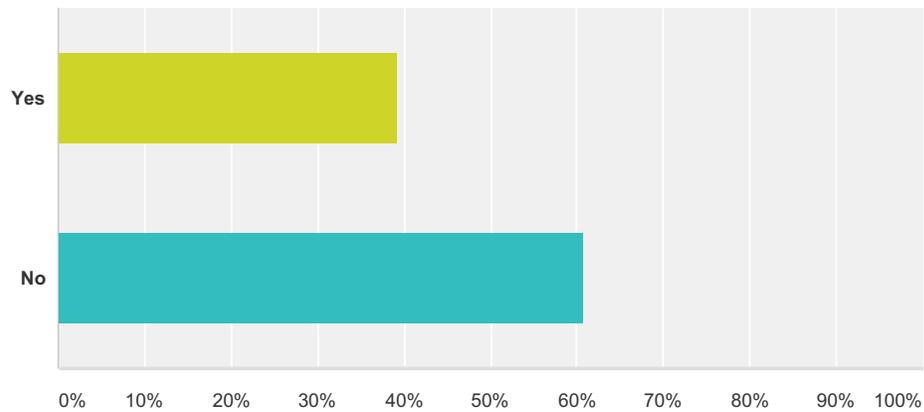


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	11.04%	17
No	88.96%	137
Total		154

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Q21 Should sketches be subject to peer (SRD) review?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 92



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	39.24% 62
No	60.76% 96
Total	158

#	Comment	Date
1	Stick to the important survey work where boundaries count: R-Plans, SRPR, Topo-Boundary.	9/5/2016 1:25 PM
2	The sketches should be eliminated once an for good. SRD is mandated to review surveys prepared under the Acts and Regulations, if anything - the Association should go after surveyors who don't put stickers on their pseudo surveys.	9/2/2016 2:00 PM
3	There should be nothing shown on a sketch that srd could review	9/1/2016 7:22 PM
4	Its should not be setting boundaries.....it is a sketch	9/1/2016 1:53 PM
5	What is shown will be somewhat subjective	9/1/2016 11:50 AM
6	Definitely not. That would put us at an unfair and unequal disadvantage relative to the non OLS who prepare sketches such as the planners, engineers.	9/1/2016 8:58 AM
7	Sketches provided by engineers/ architects/ designers / owners are subject to SRD review ?	8/31/2016 11:58 PM
8	Yes if a sketch is a plan and there are clear, documented, unambiguous standards for them.	8/31/2016 5:29 PM
9	Sketches would be impossible to regulate - the AOLS can't regulate engineering firms generating topographic plans with compiled boundaries or municipalities to stop requesting compiled boundaries then they certainly shouldn't be stifling their membership.	8/31/2016 4:16 PM
10	Possibly allow the professional with the liaison with the client determine the latitude of a sketch or illustration.	8/31/2016 3:01 PM
11	Sketches are not surveys.	8/31/2016 2:58 PM
12	Why bother. If SRD was actually fulfilling it's mandate, we wouldn't need this survey monkey.	8/31/2016 2:53 PM
13	Not if they are being done correctly	8/31/2016 2:45 PM
14	I don't think it's really necessary to review sketches also, but, in any event, sketches are already subject to SRD review, as they constitute a project, and have an SRD sticker, therefore can be randomly requested during a comprehensive review, just as any other project can be.	8/31/2016 2:40 PM
15	maybe	8/31/2016 2:39 PM
16	I don't feel strongly either way on this.	8/31/2016 2:31 PM

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17	I assign a sticker to the file	8/31/2016 2:24 PM
18	I think most firms are preparing Topographic Sketches to meet the clients needs but do not apply a sticker because the SRD says they are not permitted.	8/30/2016 3:57 PM
19	Only as a last resort if improper use continues	8/30/2016 1:44 PM
20	Engineers, planners and architects aren't paying their associations to peer-review their sketches. Our own association has a difficult time enough figuring out field notes and I don't think they have the time, resources, or budget to tackle anything else.	8/29/2016 8:03 PM
21	everything we do should be subject to SRD review	8/29/2016 4:04 PM
22	Only to confirm that the client was made aware of the limitations. Perhaps even a formal sign back acknowledging that.	8/29/2016 1:36 PM
23	Maybe.	8/27/2016 3:34 PM
24	Likely no. The sketch is not intended to show boundary retracement methodology.	8/26/2016 1:28 PM
25	If a sketch is prepared an SRPR should be done first.	8/25/2016 10:41 AM
26	If they are in conjunction with a file then they should be subject to peer review to ensure that all aspects of that file are in accordance.	8/24/2016 6:09 PM
27	No boundary so no review needed	8/24/2016 5:13 PM
28	I say yes but I am really on the fence about it. I think as professionals everything we put out in the public should be subject to some kind of review, however if it doesn't pertain to a boundary then I don't see it as being feasible for the AOLS to investigate and regulate sketches as well.	8/24/2016 3:57 PM
29	If you are going to check better get enginners and technical firms to comply and good luck	8/23/2016 5:30 PM
30	In order to maintain a consistent standard every surveying product should be peer reviewed.	8/23/2016 1:51 PM
31	Not as I envision them. Is the public's interest served when members are forced to provide more than what is required? If municipal/planning authorities accept sketches from non-OLSs why on earth would you ham-string OLS members in preventing them from providing the same product?	8/23/2016 1:47 PM
32	NO...IF ALL MEMBERS ABIDE BY THE RULES	8/23/2016 8:35 AM
33	it's not only about dictating to the public what products they are allowed to have for their own good - it's also about working with, and providing a product that a savvy public may need - because sometimes they know what they need - in other words it should not be regulated. it is for a specific circumstance agreed on between the client and professional	8/23/2016 6:42 AM
34	We are professionals and should be able to prepare such products without scrutiny. This is a simple topo we are talking about. The SRPR is produced down the line anyway, and is potentially subject to review. There has to be some trust in the profession.	8/22/2016 10:06 PM
35	Sketches do not have to be subject to SDR review as other our activities are not: e.g. construction layouts, boundary lines stake outs, area certifications, site plans etc. It does not mean though that the surveyors do not have to comply with regulations.	8/22/2016 8:25 PM
36	they are too busy!	8/22/2016 8:15 PM
37	"maybe" should be a third option here. Therefor I selected No.	8/22/2016 8:03 PM
38	If its made clear that no boundary information from survey and survey evidence is not to be shown, the there is no need to review.	8/22/2016 6:18 PM
39	There needs to be some review of them. Many surveyors are using them instead of SRPR's	8/22/2016 5:59 PM
40	if we had specific requirements	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
41	Yes in order to insure that sketches are not being used improperly or instead of SRPR's or other plans of survey	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
42	Only if they are trying to represent something which should be shown on a plan of survey.	8/22/2016 4:56 PM
43	if we allow them then initially as a means to ensure the rules are being followed	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
44	most are engineering drawings and fall under PEO review if unacceptable	8/22/2016 4:01 PM
45	But should be able to advise the AOLS when a client is sold a product by a Surveyor that was not what they needed. i.e. have the client start a complaint.	8/22/2016 3:35 PM

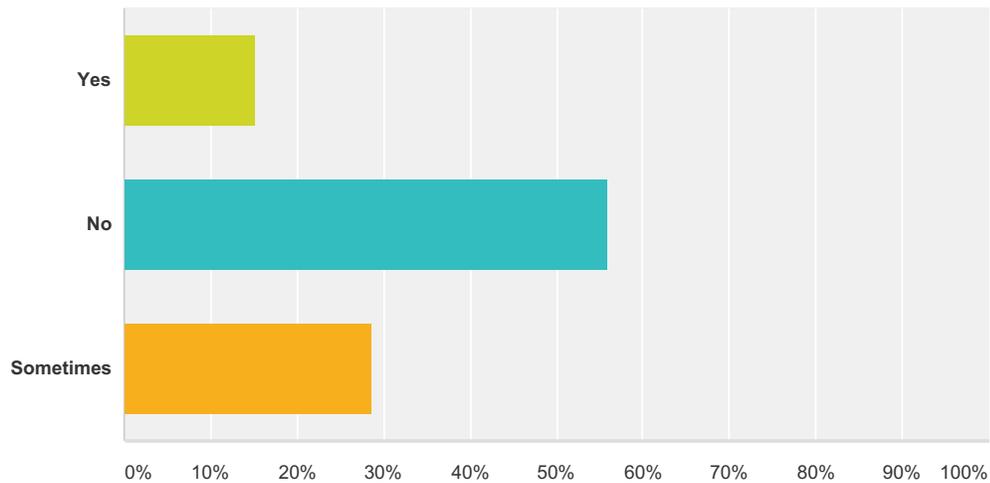
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46	Not if it does not show a boundary.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
47	We as professionals are responsible for the sketches and we should understand the purpose and use of the sketch, which varies from job to job.	8/22/2016 3:23 PM
48	But will be tough for SRD to track if Surveyors are not putting stickers on them.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
49	See my comment above: if they are cadastral based at their heart, then SRD review is acceptable.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
50	The Committee should be sentenced to read the regulations first before they ask "dumb questions" like this (and for those that believe there are no dumb questions this is a dumb question). According to our regulations ALL PROJECTS are subject to peer review. These Regulations came into effect, what 6-7 years ago, they should get with the times, move into compliance and review all projects.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
51	Not if survey evidence or methodology are excluded.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
52	If the AOLS is going to clarify the requirements to allow broader acceptance of sketches, then I would be prepared to have them reviewed	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
53	Every project should be subject to review	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
54	No survey = no peer review	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
55	as a part of the project file ABSOLUTELY	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
56	After more comprehensive guidelines are developed	8/22/2016 2:58 PM
57	No need unless they are non-compliant	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
58	again it depends on what they have shown	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
59	Only if done for the public or being made available to the public as a commercial product. The sketches I prepare are for internal use only.	8/22/2016 2:53 PM

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Q22 Do you sign your sketches?

Answered: 157 Skipped: 93



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	15.29%	24
No	56.05%	88
Sometimes	28.66%	45
Total		157

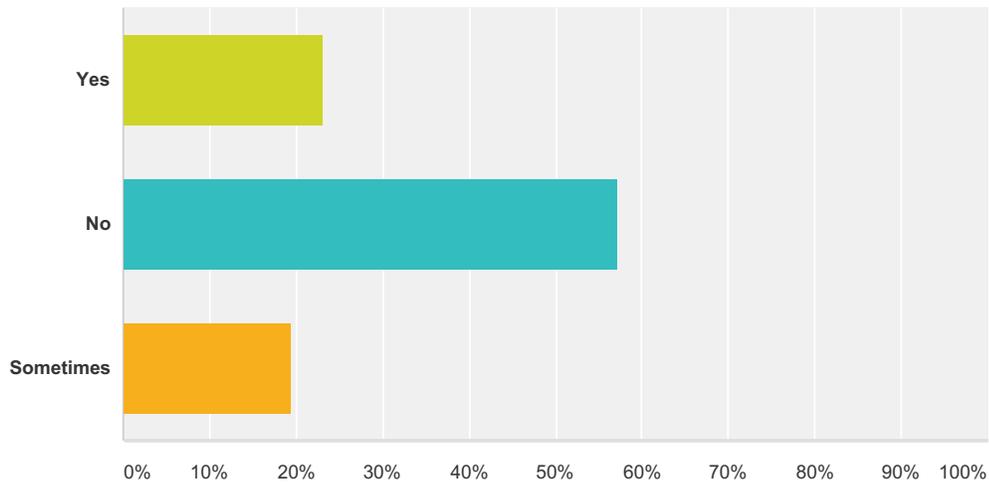
#	Comment	Date
1	Initial and date.	9/5/2016 1:36 PM
2	I don't do sketches that pretend to be surveys so the question is not applicable.	9/2/2016 2:02 PM
3	Company Logo	9/2/2016 12:00 PM
4	Only stating the date prepared	9/1/2016 11:51 AM
5	I sometimes sign the date of survey completion on Topographic Plans, not on sketches. Certain organizations like TTC and sometimes architects, other clients require signatures	9/1/2016 9:35 AM
6	sometimes sealed but never a surveyor's certificate	9/1/2016 9:00 AM
7	I view a signature as an indication of authorship, not something equivalent to a certification.	8/31/2016 5:30 PM
8	I sign them without a certification mainly to show they are checked by me.	8/31/2016 4:39 PM
9	I have not been required to. I usually let potential clients know that my signature (as an OLS) is only valid with respect to preparing plans in accordance with legislation (full boundary surveys).	8/31/2016 4:29 PM
10	If an approving agency requires it	8/31/2016 2:57 PM
11	Just to confirm the day of field work.	8/31/2016 2:49 PM
12	we do not use a Surveyor's Certificate of any sort. The sketch as our company logo and seal.	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
13	Only if required. Some City's want their Topographic plans signed so we certify the completion date only.	8/31/2016 2:32 PM
14	Depends on the nature and what was requiredby client - typically no.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
15	Only if required by the municipality as per the guideline.	8/29/2016 8:06 PM
16	So I don't call them sketches anymore. I call them a plan of survey.	8/29/2016 4:10 PM

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17	Some municipalities require a signed sketch for second stage building permits. But the signature is not from regs or standards. Rather something specific to the sketch.	8/29/2016 1:42 PM
18	Depends on what it is being used for.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
19	Not applicable. I am the client in the relationship.	8/29/2016 9:35 AM
20	only to reference the date of the field work.	8/27/2016 3:35 PM
21	Yes, this shows that the expertise of an OLS stands behind the sketch	8/26/2016 1:35 PM
22	if used to report to client some fact	8/26/2016 10:58 AM
23	Only the sketch for Severance that requires a signature, but the signature certificate is altered to clearly outline what is being certified.	8/24/2016 6:14 PM
24	No boundary so no certificate	8/24/2016 5:14 PM
25	Some municipalities require that the sketch be signed	8/24/2016 12:18 PM
26	Yes	8/23/2016 1:52 PM
27	If clients requires. we make a note "Field work completed on [DATE]" and sign....	8/23/2016 11:45 AM
28	If there aren't good enough to sign why are you preparing them?	8/23/2016 10:13 AM
29	Some authorities require that Topographic Sketches (compiled and oriented boundary) be signed. I sign confirming that the topographic information was completed on a certain date and do not use the standard Surveyor's Certificate.	8/23/2016 8:59 AM
30	Sometimes Municipality wishes to see a signature on the sketch, in that case I merely sign a " Certificate" stating when the field work the sketch represents was completed	8/23/2016 7:44 AM
31	if it is severance sketch no need to sign	8/22/2016 8:18 PM
32	lease areas only	8/22/2016 8:04 PM
33	If required for the application	8/22/2016 6:20 PM
34	why would I sign it; it's not a survey	8/22/2016 6:02 PM
35	Planning sketches require certification	8/22/2016 5:04 PM
36	If they need to be certified then they should adhere to standards.	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
37	see below	8/22/2016 4:49 PM
38	With a reduced surveyors certificate that states the date of the field work completion only. (No mention of the Surveyor/surveyors acts.)	8/22/2016 3:38 PM
39	Initial some so that I know checked; sign Topo Surveys to indicate date of field work completion. I may revisit this concept now that I am CofA	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
40	Don't do them	8/22/2016 3:03 PM
41	sketches are accompanied by a letter which is signed	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
42	My name never appears, nor does the name of my firm. Cautions are included " Not a Survey.... "May only be used for....	8/22/2016 2:47 PM

Q23 Do you believe a sketch needs to be signed to appear more professional?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 91



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	23.27% 37
No	57.23% 91
Sometimes	19.50% 31
Total	159

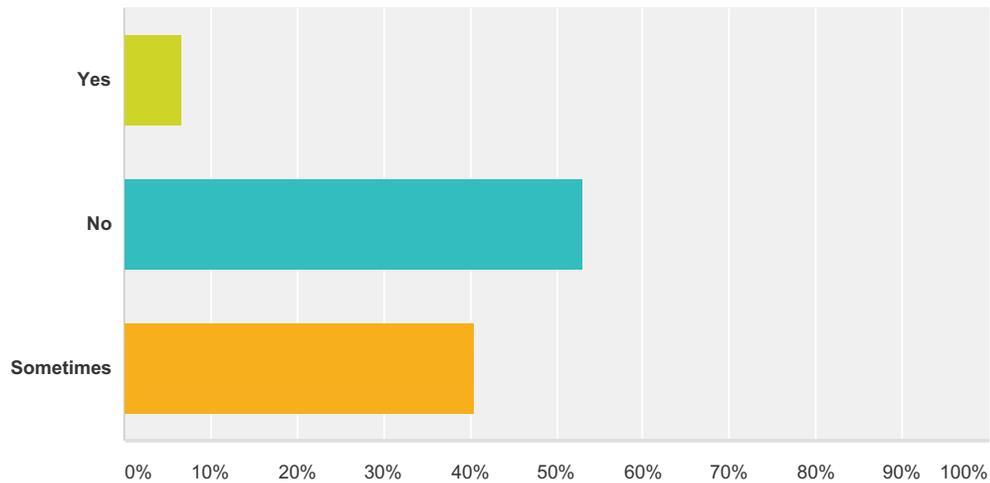
#	Comment	Date
1	I believe that sketches provided instead of survey are fraud. Any survey has to be professional, not to "look professional".	9/2/2016 2:02 PM
2	to me signing is not a problem. it's all about what you are certifying. that's where you can be specific about what the plan (or sketch) is about. if you are not certifying the plan is in accordance with our act and regulations, then it is not a survey. so, to help the lay person understand the limitations yes, call it a sketch.	9/2/2016 1:50 PM
3	Municipalities in our area require it	9/1/2016 11:51 AM
4	seal like an architect or landscape architect or engineer	9/1/2016 9:00 AM
5	I don't believe it does.	8/31/2016 4:29 PM
6	Only when the client thinks they need one, but doesn't want to pay for a boundary.	8/31/2016 2:49 PM
7	the application of an SRD sticker and the OLS's seal seems sufficient to make the document look official	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
8	If a signature is required then you can make it a Plan of Survey	8/30/2016 3:59 PM
9	It should not be signed in order to make it different from a survey. Just for a start.	8/30/2016 3:13 PM
10	It confirms that it was prepared by a professional surveyor	8/30/2016 1:46 PM
11	Mostly I feel it should be signed because we are certifying the boundary and the relationship of features to that boundary.	8/29/2016 4:10 PM
12	It would force the OLS to acknowledge how much the sketch can be relied on.	8/29/2016 1:42 PM
13	Depends on what it is being used for.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
14	I would sign them, I still believe in the product and would put my name to it.	8/24/2016 3:58 PM

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15	Perhaps we need to differentiate our Sketches from those prepared by non-OLS's in some fashion.	8/23/2016 8:55 AM
16	This may mislead the public into believing it's a survey	8/23/2016 8:22 AM
17	The are not intended to be surveys.	8/23/2016 8:14 AM
18	Once again, signature only provided when we feel Municipality wishes to see one, don't beleive it appears anymore professional	8/23/2016 7:44 AM
19	I don't do them that's why I don't answer the previous questions and this one - no ols should sign a sketch with a boundary shown on it.	8/23/2016 6:45 AM
20	It does look more professional and official	8/22/2016 6:20 PM
21	What would I be signing? I'm not certifying anything; if I was I should be doing a survey	8/22/2016 6:02 PM
22	I think certification should mean that the survey is more complete.	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
23	Company name is used.	8/22/2016 3:24 PM
24	Get rid of them	8/22/2016 3:03 PM
25	they form a part of a package which your provide to your client	8/22/2016 3:01 PM
26	Not preferred but is sometimes required	8/22/2016 2:55 PM

Q24 Is a signed sketch required by your clients?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 99



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	6.62%	10
No	52.98%	80
Sometimes	40.40%	61
Total		151

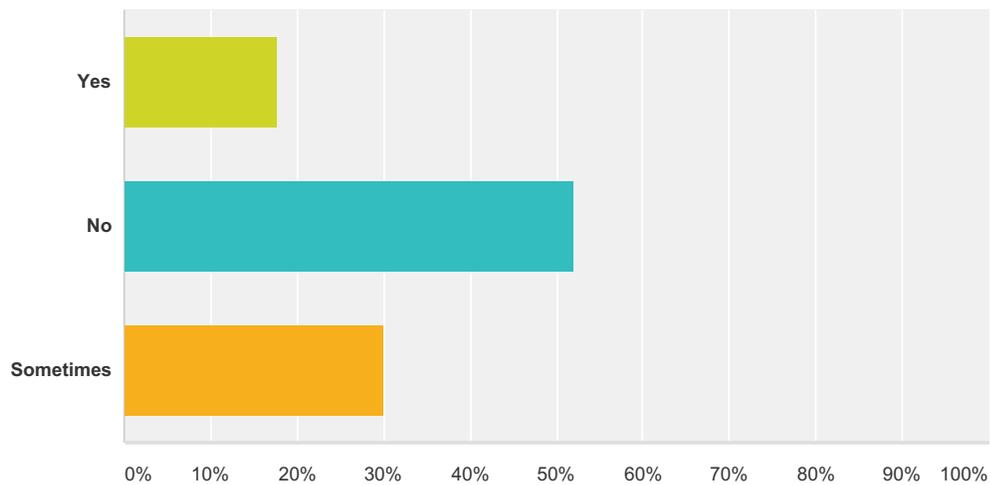
#	Comment	Date
1	I give a signed and sealed survey to clients, so I don't know the answer.	9/2/2016 2:02 PM
2	see answer 23 above	9/2/2016 1:50 PM
3	See 22 above	9/1/2016 9:35 AM
4	n/a	8/31/2016 5:30 PM
5	I have not been required to. I usually let potential clients know that my signature (as an OLS) is only valid with respect to preparing plans in accordance with legislation (full boundary plans of surveys). If it is required it if not in the Certificate of Surveyor form. I only certify what was done (that the topographic survey was completed on whatever date).	8/31/2016 4:29 PM
6	It has occasionally in the distant past	8/31/2016 3:02 PM
7	Not always, but that can be from lack of knowledge or it may be required by a governing authority	8/31/2016 2:49 PM
8	see above	8/31/2016 2:32 PM
9	Municipalities require compiled or composite plans to show road limits for construction design projects.	8/31/2016 8:26 AM
10	If they ask for a signature then the Sketch becomes a Plan of Survey.	8/30/2016 3:59 PM
11	If they want I signed sketch I tell them it is only signed as a requirement of the municipality.	8/29/2016 8:06 PM
12	they don't care. They want to meet the requirements of whoever is asking for the data. If there is a problem, they know they're dealing with a professional who carries liability insurance, signature or no.	8/29/2016 4:10 PM
13	As above	8/29/2016 1:42 PM
14	I am the client.	8/29/2016 9:35 AM

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15	Planning Applications want sketches prepared by an OLS.	8/26/2016 1:35 PM
16	we do not sign sketches	8/26/2016 8:49 AM
17	We provide a signed O.Reg 216/10 report at project completion. Signing a sketch blurs the lines and I am against this practice.	8/24/2016 6:14 PM
18	We don't do sketches	8/24/2016 5:14 PM
19	For land division submissions and to certify areas for leases	8/24/2016 12:18 PM
20	Only where they come from	8/23/2016 9:33 AM
21	See above	8/23/2016 7:44 AM
22	N/A	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
23	I do not sign sketches!!!	8/23/2016 1:38 AM
24	I always sign them, so I would not know otherwise.	8/22/2016 10:08 PM
25	Client does not know if a signed sketch is required. Signature brings impression of responsibility and a reference to a concrete date (date of signature)	8/22/2016 8:29 PM
26	all the time signature means you are confident and accept responsibility	8/22/2016 8:18 PM
27	For retail area certificates only	8/22/2016 6:20 PM
28	I would tell them to forget it. If they want a signature they can pay for a survey	8/22/2016 6:02 PM
29	It should definitely not be left up to the client to decide what is needed. We are the professionals and should advise what is required.	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
30	Municipalities occasionally require some sort of signature to ensure the sketch came from our office but i do not sign sketches for others	8/22/2016 4:49 PM
31	Area Sketches for Lease Sketches for rentable areas in Buildings under BOMA Standards	8/22/2016 3:46 PM
32	I refuse to do that!	8/22/2016 3:28 PM
33	Site plans without boundaries.	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
34	see above	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
35	Not applicable.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
36	we have trained our Municipalities on what is required	8/22/2016 3:01 PM

Q25 Is a signed sketch required by your local municipalities?

Answered: 146 Skipped: 104



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	17.81%	26
No	52.05%	76
Sometimes	30.14%	44
Total		146

#	Comment	Date
1	They require a signed and sealed survey plan, but take anything that has a signature and a seal (in Toronto)	9/2/2016 2:02 PM
2	see answer 23 above	9/2/2016 1:50 PM
3	for building permits	9/2/2016 5:31 AM
4	Not sure	9/1/2016 9:35 AM
5	n/a	8/31/2016 5:30 PM
6	Some municipalities require a signed plan, however I have not personally been required to sign anything other than a Plan of Survey.	8/31/2016 4:29 PM
7	N/A	8/31/2016 3:01 PM
8	Never done a sketch for a municipality	8/31/2016 2:49 PM
9	Proposed encroachments.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
10	Municipalities should be made aware of what makes a survey a survey.	8/30/2016 3:13 PM
11	Local municipalities have different requirements for applications.	8/30/2016 1:46 PM
12	The municipalities require that those preparing the sketches carry errors and omissions insurance, but they name several other "professions" such as engineers, engineers-in-training, and drainage "professionals". I question whether or not their errors and omissions insurance covers them for certifying boundaries.	8/29/2016 4:10 PM
13	But note, we typically prepare a plan of survey when dealing with the municipalities.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
14	Not applicable.	8/29/2016 9:35 AM
15	I don't know	8/27/2016 3:35 PM

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16	we don't do sketches	8/24/2016 5:14 PM
17	Have not done sketches for municipality....they require proper legal surveys.	8/23/2016 11:45 AM
18	Not sure	8/23/2016 8:22 AM
19	See above	8/23/2016 7:44 AM
20	N/A	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
21	I do not sign sketches no matter who or what the requirement	8/23/2016 1:38 AM
22	I don't know.	8/22/2016 10:08 PM
23	I don't know. I prefer to sign a sketch.	8/22/2016 8:29 PM
24	I would not sign it even if it was.	8/22/2016 6:02 PM
25	It should definitely not be left up to the client to decide what is needed. we are the professionals and should advise what is required.	8/22/2016 5:03 PM
26	see above	8/22/2016 4:49 PM
27	no signing	8/22/2016 3:28 PM
28	Not as far as I know. We usually provide a plan of survey.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
29	Local municipalities require full site grading plans with boundary and topographical information shown	8/22/2016 3:03 PM
30	The City of London does not require building applications to be supported by a plan of survey signed by an OLS.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM

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Q26 If you do sign your sketches, please explain why.

Answered: 70 Skipped: 180

#	Responses	Date
1	Because I believe that the recipient or user of the sketch should know who is responsible for the information shown.	9/2/2016 1:54 PM
2	gives the client some comfort that the product was produced by a professional.	9/2/2016 1:50 PM
3	The site plan for building permits are signed as requested by the municipality.	9/2/2016 5:31 AM
4	covered above	9/1/2016 11:51 AM
5	only occasionally, depending upon the individual circumstances	9/1/2016 7:32 AM
6	To indicate the sketch has been reviewed by and OLS	9/1/2016 7:29 AM
7	To indicate authorship, responsibility, and indicate a quality review has been performed.	8/31/2016 5:30 PM
8	The client requested a signature.	8/31/2016 3:02 PM
9	To signify that I prepared/checked the sketch.	8/31/2016 3:01 PM
10	Depends on the situation, the liability of anything sent out of the office is the same, signed or unsigned. But, just because a sketch is signed for whatever reason doesn't mean you can start showing boundary survey information on a sketch.	8/31/2016 2:59 PM
11	Just to confirm the date of the field work and to make it look better than a tech firms sketch. (only way to compete)	8/31/2016 2:49 PM
12	Sign to certify that field work represented on the sketch was completed on a certain day. It then shows a level of quality assurance by the OLS.	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
13	see Q22	8/31/2016 2:32 PM
14	Certified correct	8/31/2016 2:32 PM
15	usually just to verify the date the work was completed	8/31/2016 2:31 PM
16	Some clients request that we sign it to show that it has been reviewed and OLS approved. Clients feel more comfortable when they see that it has been reviewed by an OLS similar to how engineering drawings are stamped.	8/31/2016 2:27 PM
17	It is a client requirement, the underlying work is done to the proper standards for a plan of survey, however, the client doesn't want a full plan, just certain information.	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
18	Municipal requirements	8/31/2016 2:22 PM
19	If required by municipality.	8/31/2016 2:21 PM
20	Primarily so we know that the copy is complete and checked	8/31/2016 8:26 AM
21	It is a requirement of the municipality.	8/29/2016 8:06 PM
22	Since the latest bulletin about sketches, I have signed them. I agree with the logic that if I am showing something relating to a boundary, I am in fact certifying that boundary. As soon as I certify a boundary, I need to show methodology, etc. It's really a plan of survey.	8/29/2016 4:10 PM
23	To underscore the purpose of the sketch and it's limitations.	8/29/2016 1:42 PM
24	Only to give a point of contact if further information is required. Kind of like a letter (dated and signed) but no certificate.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
25	Not applicable.	8/29/2016 9:35 AM
26	just to certify the date of field work.	8/27/2016 3:35 PM

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27	To show that an OLS has used his/her expertise in putting it together. The expertise is at a "bigger picture" level in terms of reviewing general boundary location, easements, title information, road widths, location of features, etc. The jurisdictions asking for an OLS sketch were tired of fundamental mistakes in sketches from home owners. The decision makers want to make decisions based on good information which they trust the OLS to provide . The OLS professionalism requires that he/she determine the level of detail and boundary retracement required to present on the sketch. In some cases, distances can be off 10m because it is irrelevant. In other cases 0.2m is important for the specific application.	8/26/2016 1:35 PM
28	to validate the info as question 22	8/26/2016 10:58 AM
29	no	8/26/2016 8:49 AM
30	because required by municipality	8/25/2016 3:33 PM
31	no comment. See previous comments	8/24/2016 5:14 PM
32	to show liability	8/24/2016 3:04 PM
33	MORE PROFESSIONAL	8/24/2016 2:11 PM
34	As per #23 above & to give some authority or legitimacy to the information shown on the sketch.	8/24/2016 12:12 PM
35	For a Lot Grading Plan which is essentially a Sketch with reference to a survey plan, but is signed certifying that the proposed grades will: produce adequate drainage; comply with municipal requirements; and the result will not be detrimental to existing drainage patterns	8/23/2016 5:38 PM
36	You would sign your sketches to give them more authenticity.	8/23/2016 1:52 PM
37	I sign my geodetic reports, my engineering survey reports. Because, despite the utterly cadastral-centric viewpoint in this province, these are professional activities.	8/23/2016 1:49 PM
38	Clients request.....we sign to confirm the day field work was completed.	8/23/2016 11:45 AM
39	I stand by my work	8/23/2016 10:34 AM
40	If there aren't good enough to sign why are you preparing them?	8/23/2016 10:13 AM
41	See Q.22 above.	8/23/2016 8:59 AM
42	n/A	8/23/2016 8:22 AM
43	See above	8/23/2016 7:44 AM
44	requested by client	8/23/2016 7:28 AM
45	Client requirements	8/23/2016 7:20 AM
46	N/A	8/23/2016 7:06 AM
47	I acknowledge that I have reviewed the information shown on the sketch.	8/22/2016 10:08 PM
48	I believe that any sketch, signed or unsigned is a company responsibility. I might as well sign it as it looks professional.	8/22/2016 8:29 PM
49	because we always check all evidence and registry office search if you dont you are out of business	8/22/2016 8:18 PM
50	For applications it is a measure of who prepared it and the level of reliability and professionalism	8/22/2016 6:20 PM
51	As part of the quality control process for the firm.	8/22/2016 6:05 PM
52	Municipalities will not accept the submission without a signature. Clients will go to firms who will sign and therefore I lose business	8/22/2016 5:04 PM
53	as noted above on the rare occasion a municipality will demand it and in order for the project to proceed i will sign but no certification statement	8/22/2016 4:49 PM
54	Municipal requirement	8/22/2016 4:45 PM
55	The client requires it for Lease Sketches for rentable areas in Buildings under BOMA Standards	8/22/2016 3:46 PM
56	N/A	8/22/2016 3:38 PM
57	It is what the clients (generally municipalities) seem to require. Gives the client confidence in the product, and the information shown thereon.	8/22/2016 3:38 PM
58	Once a signature occurs then it becomes a plan of survey.	8/22/2016 3:24 PM

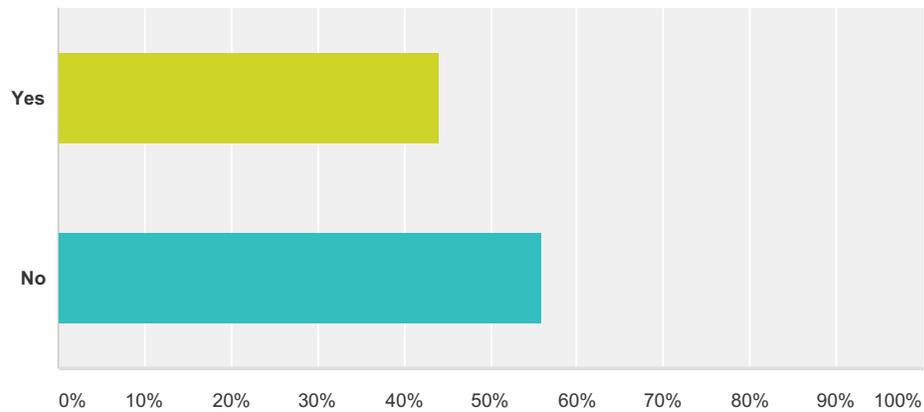
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59	If required by the municipality. No surveyor's certificate as defined the regs are used. We will sign to confirm the topographic data was surveyed on the date stated.	8/22/2016 3:22 PM
60	To put a date on it and make it look more professional.	8/22/2016 3:21 PM
61	Topo surveys: generally the autocad model underlying the plan is very important to the client and I think some sort of certification that I have taken proper care is relevant. But my mind could be changed.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
62	to attest that I supervised and/or performed the work and confirm that all information appearing on the page is correct and true.	8/22/2016 3:11 PM
63	To certify that the information contain in the sketch are correct.	8/22/2016 3:11 PM
64	As per above - it's either required or it creates a more professional image.	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
65	To show and OLS has prepared and approved it.	8/22/2016 3:06 PM
66	The City of Kawartha Lakes requires an OLS to sign and seal a Site and Grading Plan.	8/22/2016 3:02 PM
67	Sometimes required but always try not too.	8/22/2016 2:57 PM
68	Provides assurances to my employer that the sketch has been reviewed and approved for it's intended use by the City Surveyor.	8/22/2016 2:56 PM
69	As much as possible I use plans of survey when a signature is required. Often required for CLS work	8/22/2016 2:55 PM
70	appears more professional	8/22/2016 2:48 PM

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Q27 Do you see the existing guidelines for sketches valid for today's market?

Answered: 141 Skipped: 109



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	43.97% 62
No	56.03% 79
Total	141

#	Comment	Date
1	Not sure....I don't have guideline in front of me.	9/5/2016 1:36 PM
2	The answer is no if you mean "topographic sketches"	9/2/2016 2:09 PM
3	current legislation is too convoluted. we have the Act, the Regulations, the Performance Standards, the Interpretive Guide, Addendums and policy documents, Bulletins, etc. We need a consolidated set of regulations that will permit us to provide all of the services and products that our clients need. and yes, the sketch rules need to be updated to be more generic and broad and governed by our professional ethics rather than trying to prescribe the rules for every possible scenario.	9/2/2016 2:06 PM
4	Would be helpful to include monuments	9/1/2016 3:23 PM
5	they should be reviewed and updated	9/1/2016 7:44 AM
6	should be more specific with example and accepted by other related professions and municipalities.	9/1/2016 12:03 AM
7	Must clients accept monumentation even when they do not want it?	8/31/2016 5:42 PM
8	I believe the existing guidelines within the Interpretive guide are well written and were well thought-out and are scalable to most situations.	8/31/2016 4:44 PM
9	There is a gray area here	8/31/2016 2:54 PM
10	We need to be able to serve our clients and in today's fast evolving geospatial world there is no way to predict what is needed next year	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
11	For the most part the client only wants the cad file for some line work. The paper copy "sketch" is simply a record of what we done.	8/31/2016 2:30 PM
12	I have many client who require a Sketch showing Topographic Information but do not need the Legal boundaries monumented for their purposes.	8/30/2016 4:11 PM
13	Not sure what the guidelines are notes stating that they are not surveys and should not be used as such are put on the sketch.	8/30/2016 3:16 PM
14	Provided we are talking about the pre-2015 guideline sketch.	8/29/2016 8:16 PM

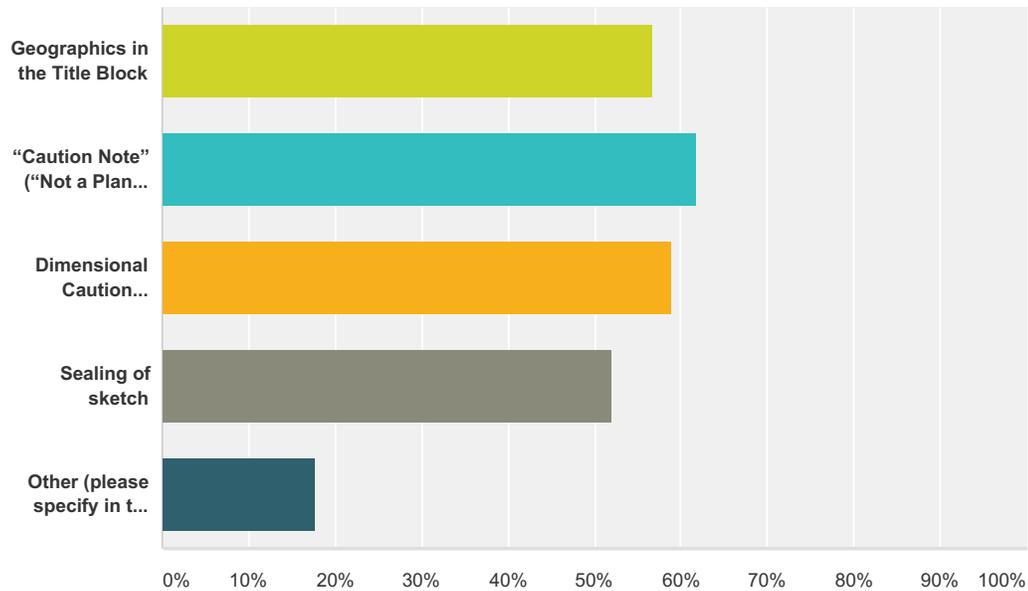
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15	I think we're doing it right. I think the issue is not with how we do our sketches. The issue is with non-OLSs preparing them.	8/29/2016 4:19 PM
16	Too rigid and the current bulletin has only made it worse. Especially with "Topographic Sketches" where we have seen some firms not even making an effort to show method or ties to the property limit.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
17	If you need to sign, why not prepare a plan of survey?	8/29/2016 9:36 AM
18	Establishing guidelines will help put all OLSs on the same page. It will also be a learning tool for OLSs new to severance sketches to consider what is important or not. The guidelines should not be exact rules/regulations but suggestions on how to prepare them.	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
19	Much too narrow & restrictive.	8/24/2016 12:16 PM
20	For now, but the needs of our clients are constantly changing mostly due to municipal planning authorities.	8/23/2016 10:17 AM
21	If the client requires anything more than a sketch, it should be turned into a plan of survey.	8/23/2016 9:15 AM
22	The development industry requires survey returns for various municipal approvals, and the use of a basic sketch meets these needs, without burdening clients with the cost of a full survey. Abiding by the current guidelines would require a survey be prepared for these items which is not reasonable.	8/23/2016 7:51 AM
23	Some modifications are required.	8/22/2016 10:17 PM
24	I think we have always missed guidelines on topographical plans	8/22/2016 9:33 PM
25	must change to include signature and legal info	8/22/2016 8:26 PM
26	No comment	8/22/2016 8:20 PM
27	Need to tighten up the rules	8/22/2016 6:30 PM
28	There should be a method to illustrate, approx. areas & minimum ties from buildings to proposed and existing boundaries (verified as correct by field survey) without providing a plan of survey or a SRPR.	8/22/2016 5:24 PM
29	Not enough flexibility.	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
30	we need a wider range of products to satisfy a market that demands a greater range of services	8/22/2016 4:52 PM
31	too strict. Must allow surveyors to prepare products that meet clients needs and price.	8/22/2016 4:37 PM
32	but ONLY if they are followed. i.e. no legal in the header only an address and the purpose for the sketch's useage. ("for design purposes" for example.	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
33	The client needs to understand the product they are getting and how it can be relied upon.	8/22/2016 3:46 PM
34	They need to be revisited to provide more detail & examples.	8/22/2016 3:44 PM
35	subject to some outdated terminology	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
36	Too restrictive in many instances	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
37	More flexibility is required. Must be able to show some survey evidence.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM

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Q28 Do you believe the following guidelines need modification? (please check all that you think need modification)

Answered: 102 Skipped: 148



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Geographics in the Title Block	56.86%	58
"Caution Note" ("Not a Plan of Survey")	61.76%	63
Dimensional Caution (compiled, measured or scaled)	58.82%	60
Sealing of sketch	51.96%	53
Other (please specify in the comment below)	17.65%	18
Total Respondents: 102		

#	Comment	Date
1	need to do some research to ascertain what is happening in our sister associations. our issues may have already been solved by others, I can confirm that sketches have been an issue in all of the surveying associations. once that has been done, we need to have an honest and open discussion within our ranks to decide how we want to move forward.	9/2/2016 2:06 PM
2	uncertain as not a part of my current activities	9/1/2016 11:15 AM
3	Not a Plan of Survey and as such can not be used to confirm property boundaries.	9/1/2016 7:44 AM
4	Sketches should not be sealed by OLSs. The purpose of the seal is to show that an Ontario Land Surveyor has provided an opinion on the location of boundaries and should be reserved solely for Plans of Survey. Geographics should be allowed in the title block, however a municipal address is likely sufficient for most purposes.	8/31/2016 4:44 PM
5	I think they are sufficient. Maybe something in the caution note that states more clearly that this is a sketch (monopoly money) and cannot be used for legal boundary purposes.	8/31/2016 2:54 PM
6	I don't see much harm in putting geographics in the title as long as it is clear it is not a plan survey	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
7	Sketch should never be sealed and should never say survey anywhere on it. Sketch should be the largest text.	8/30/2016 3:26 PM
8	The pre-2015 example seemed to cover this adequately - where did it go?	8/29/2016 8:16 PM

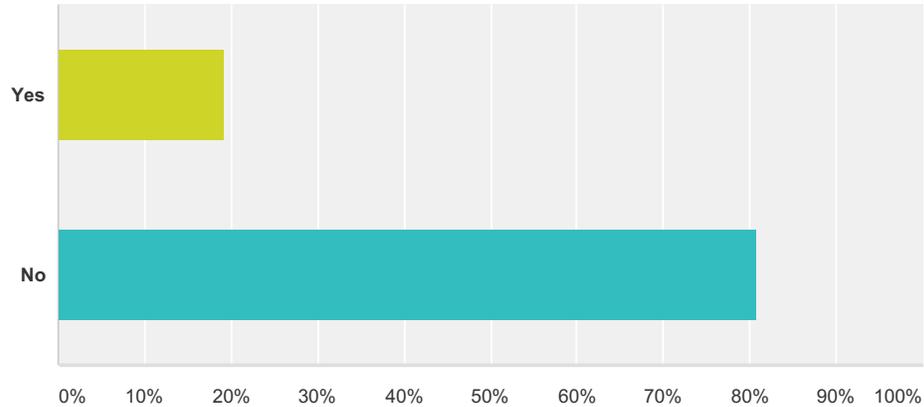
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9	If the sketch is a proposal, and not based on reality, then "not a plan of survey" is appropriate. But if the information on the sketch is to illustrate an existing situation, and boundaries must be shown, then those boundaries must be re-established on the ground - therefore it IS a plan of survey.	8/29/2016 4:19 PM
10	You can't regulate every possible situation	8/29/2016 1:48 PM
11	I liked the 1990 Bulletin. "Documents that are not surveys must not have the appearance of a plan of survey". A sketch is a document prepared for a specific purpose so its intent should be in the title block. I do not believe Geographic info in the title block should be allowed (that is what a plan of survey is for)	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
12	many are sent digitally only and can easily be altered or added to for other purposes	8/28/2016 12:53 PM
13	These items need to be considered in guidelines for sketches	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
14	Get rid of sketches unless the survey is tied to survey fabri	8/24/2016 5:18 PM
15	Need broader uses allowed & more specific definitions of what can or cannot be shown on a sketch	8/24/2016 12:16 PM
16	Lot corner ties are not needed now that plans are integrated	8/23/2016 8:34 AM
17	sketches should not be sealed	8/23/2016 8:28 AM
18	Sketches should not be sealed....just unnecessary window dressing and implication of status of sketch	8/23/2016 1:41 AM
19	NO compiled boundary should be allowed for sketches prepared for custom home design or any design for that matter.	8/22/2016 10:17 PM
20	I don't think a caution note is a good defense if somebody misuses a sketch. The sketch should be rather prepared according to good guidelines that would lower a risk of misuse.	8/22/2016 9:33 PM
21	No comment	8/22/2016 8:20 PM
22	Very clearly should note that its not based on field survey nor is any evidence of boundaries contained within the sketch	8/22/2016 6:30 PM
23	We put none of this on a sketch	8/22/2016 6:06 PM
24	Sketches should be loosely regulated. However, surveyors should not hide behind the term "Sketch" when a true Plan of Survey which effects the survey fabric is warranted.	8/22/2016 5:08 PM
25	If followed the rules are OK for the survey. Again it is the other surveyors who try to pass off a Sketch as a Legal Survey....they should know better.	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
26	a sketch should never be sealed	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
27	SEALING OF SKETCH is ignored by users.	8/22/2016 3:30 PM
28	no changes are required	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
29	These are in place to ensure the sketch does NOT look line a survey.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
30	Get rid of them	8/22/2016 3:06 PM
31	Important to include words of limitation explaining exactly what the sketch can be used for.	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
32	I think a digital seal could do much to remove the need to sign sketches	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
33	Those guidelines should stand - I just want to be able to show more in a sketch without having to move up to a full plan of survey.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM

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Q29 If prepared according to current standards, do sketches erode the standards of the surveying profession?

Answered: 146 Skipped: 104



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	19.18%	28
No	80.82%	118
Total		146

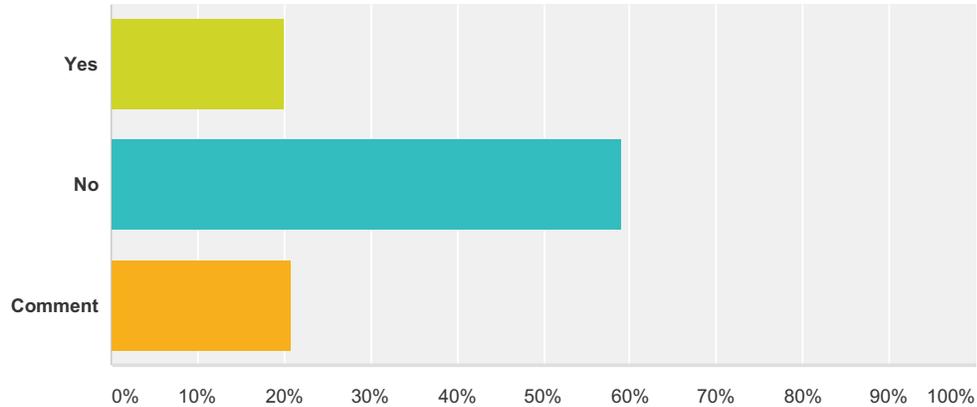
#	Comment	Date
1	The "topographic sketch" is not to any standards. The standards regulate strictly what a survey is.	9/2/2016 2:09 PM
2	I think Surveyors are recognized as the best person to compile information dealing with the property	9/1/2016 11:55 AM
3	O.Reg 43/96 allows for partial or wholly compiled reference plans. Are these different from sketches?	8/31/2016 5:42 PM
4	This is a dangerous argument. If there is a demand for sketches then OLSs should not be prevented from creating them. Their purpose should never be to represent an opinion on the location of boundaries by an OLS however they do have their place. The cautionary note should always be extremely clear and communicated to all surveyor's clients however. All sketches should carry a note as stated in the guidelines. This is what separates us from technical firms that don't know what they are doing. → This is not a plan of survey and shall not be used except for the purpose indicated. No guarantee is made as to accuracy or completeness of compiled boundaries, property lines or parcel mapping shown. Boundaries must be confirmed prior to being relied upon.	8/31/2016 4:44 PM
5	Yes, the current standards for plans and sketches are too rigid forcing clients to use technical firms. We must do the proper field work and research, however, there is too much emphasis on how this is graphically depicted.	8/31/2016 2:30 PM
6	If you do the research and field work to re-establish the boundaries for a Sketch then the limits can be re-established at a later date from the control you establish for the project.	8/30/2016 4:11 PM
7	Current market has new demands on the profession for newer format products, current standards are restrictive and dated	8/30/2016 1:51 PM
8	Provided we are talking about the pre-2015 guidelines. The 2015 guidelines are very vague in this matter.	8/29/2016 8:16 PM
9	If by "current standards" we mean standards set by municipalities.	8/29/2016 4:19 PM
10	But the public interest would not be served.	8/29/2016 1:48 PM
11	possibly	8/28/2016 12:53 PM

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12	I treat the preparation of sketch very different than the preparation of a survey plan. They are two entirely different products. The public need and want sketches prepared by an OLS. This is not to be judged by the same set of standards as a survey. The classification of OLIP probably better reflects the service being provided. This is information about the property, not a precise boundary retracement.	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
13	If client is educated in the fact that they are not a plan of survey.	8/23/2016 5:31 PM
14	We only use sketches for development purposes where we have completed the required boundary retracement as part of previous work. For all other purposes we forego the use of sketches.	8/23/2016 7:51 AM
15	not sure	8/23/2016 1:41 AM
16	An SRPR is always required once a custom home is built, so no, sketches are a product tailored to a specific task.	8/22/2016 10:17 PM
17	some people misuse or stretch the guidelines	8/22/2016 6:30 PM
18	see above comments	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
19	Depends on what is shown and whether they are signed to certify the boundaries or not	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
20	No, as long as what is being prepared is appropriate for it's intended use.	8/22/2016 3:30 PM
21	The "background" or behind the scenes work is the substance of the profession; in most instances the plan is simply a facade of substance. Poor quality work can be made to look high quality on the plan yet it may completely lack substance in generating opinions.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
22	not in the slightest if the guidelines are followed	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
23	Lowest common denominator	8/22/2016 3:06 PM
24	The opposite, once you draw the distinction and explain to clients they normally appreciate the difference.	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
25	They don't erode the standards, they just force us to produce more complex plans when a sketch with a few additions would suffice.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM

Q30 Are you aware of a situation in which the public has been misled by the use of a surveyor's sketch?

Answered: 149 Skipped: 101



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	20.13% 30
No	59.06% 88
Comment	20.81% 31
Total	149

#	Comment	Date
1	I had many situations where a client wants us to layout a new house or an addition, or to stake out a line for fences and brings a survey that is "not a survey" to the office. It's only then that they realize that they didn't get what they paid for.	9/2/2016 2:09 PM
2	I am not aware of any situations. I believe the use of a sketch is appropriate in some instances-it is up to the OLS to properly educate their client as to what they will be receiving. If the client feels they require something else they can decide. If the client does not know what they want it is our duty to help them decide by explaining the different products available and how the various products can be used, fees for various products, etc.	9/1/2016 10:05 AM
3	I've seen people think the Site Grading Plan is a survey of their property. Surveyor's need to educate their client when preparing these to inform them it is not a Plan of Survey of their property and not a confirmation on extents.	9/1/2016 9:05 AM
4	I am more concerned about municipal GIS systems that allow for the extraction of centimetre level distances between image features and boundaries.	8/31/2016 5:42 PM
5	I am not, but there have certainly been examples of private persons altering surveys which then became misleading so we can't protect all.	8/31/2016 3:08 PM
6	I am aware of a situation where another surveyor was misled by a sketch and took the building ties shown on a grading plan as being surveyed ties.	8/31/2016 3:06 PM
7	Every day. Whenever a surveyor prepares a sketch showing a full blown boundary survey, but it is still only a sketch under the regulations, the public is being misled.	8/31/2016 3:03 PM
8	Client's often need a quick simple drawing for a planning or discussion purpose that does not need to be cluttered with legal survey info. As long as the work is completed correctly and typically based on a recent survey I do not see the harm.	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
9	I am sure there has been some mis-use somewhere but not that I am aware of.	8/30/2016 4:11 PM
10	Yes, however, the public and even some surveyors think that Terranet mapping is absolute....there are some that don't understand and never will.	8/29/2016 8:16 PM

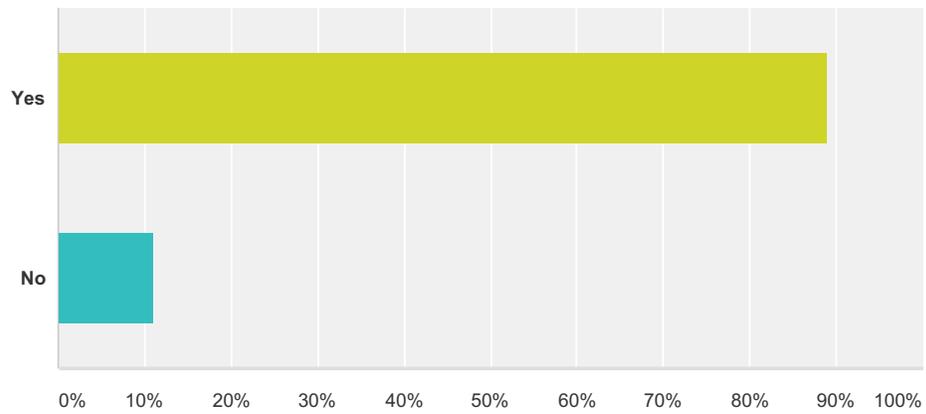
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11	The public relies on anything they get from a surveyor's office as being professionally created. They expect that it is prepared with all the care and professionalism expected of an OLS. Although I have heard of survey offices that allow their technicians to do sketches without OLS supervision. To me, that would be misleading to the public. However, if there was a mistake, it would be the OLS who would be held responsible, not the technician.	8/29/2016 4:19 PM
12	Or even a septic permit sketch being passed off as a survey.	8/29/2016 1:48 PM
13	Topographic Sketches that are being used by other consultants for design purposes with a statement on the sketch stating the boundary is based on compiled information and not from an actual survey.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
14	when they look like a plan of survey (boundaries, monuments, buildings)	8/27/2016 3:35 PM
15	In some cases users are not reading or understanding the notes such as THIS IS NOT A PLAN OF SURVEY	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
16	Yes particularly when a topo is done using an old survey or by using a survey done by a different firm.	8/24/2016 12:22 PM
17	I am more aware of instances in which the public has been misled (or are self-deceived) in an attempt to use actual plans of survey either registered or deposited in the R.O. for inappropriate purposes.	8/23/2016 1:55 PM
18	We get calls from public....they want to apply for demo & Construction of house ...but they are working with a SKETCH.....big mistake.....ready to build a fence on the property with the sketch provided. Easy money for surveyors is to prepare a sketch for property limitand easy way to get sued.....i guess it will take 1 firm to get sued heavily before all the surveyors put theirs ducks in line.	8/23/2016 11:52 AM
19	Sketches that show entire property are assumed to be surveys.	8/23/2016 8:17 AM
20	no	8/23/2016 1:41 AM
21	they are not misled we have to work more to introduce our product to public	8/22/2016 8:26 PM
22	Yes, its come up twice at the liability insurance committee meetings.	8/22/2016 6:30 PM
23	People think if a surveyor did it, it is a survey regardless of what any title says	8/22/2016 6:06 PM
24	Yes when what is a sketch is labelled a Plan of Survey, these are usually called Topographic Plans of Survey but do show boundaries and some evidence but not signed	8/22/2016 5:14 PM
25	All the time, generally by the same surveyors in this area.	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
26	No more than PIN maps, assessment maps	8/22/2016 3:30 PM
27	They thought they had a real survey, so when I quoted for the boundary, they thought they already had one.	8/22/2016 3:30 PM
28	An Architect's sketch of the proposed location of a house was inaccurate creating numerous problems for our client with regard to costs.	8/22/2016 3:26 PM
29	Not that I recall.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
30	not by sketches per say. By unsigned full or partially complete surveys yes	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
31	When OLS makes it look like a Plan of Survey the public believes it to be as such!	8/22/2016 3:00 PM

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Q31 Do the sketches you prepare have the word “sketch” in the title?

Answered: 144 Skipped: 106



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	88.89%	128
No	11.11%	16
Total		144

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Q32 If you don't use the word "sketch" in the title, please provide the titles you use (e.g., "topographic plan"):

Answered: 45 Skipped: 205

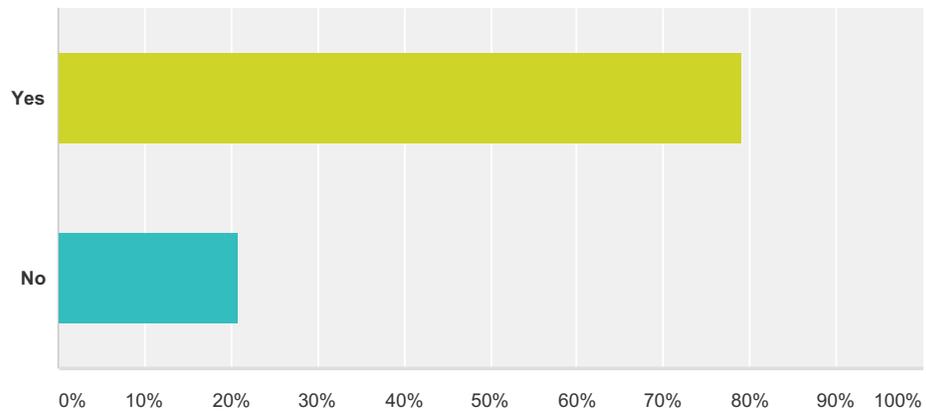
#	Responses	Date
1	topographic plan of survey, plan showing, etc.	9/2/2016 2:06 PM
2	Topographic Plan is used as well. I think there should be a distinction between "sketch" and "Topographic Plan" I treat these two products differently.	9/1/2016 10:05 AM
3	Sketch illustrating proposed.....	9/1/2016 9:05 AM
4	plan to illustrate topography...	9/1/2016 12:03 AM
5	Plan of	8/31/2016 5:42 PM
6	Topographic Plan of (Geographics)	8/31/2016 4:44 PM
7	The title depends on what the sketch is depicting. Sometimes you do not need to use the word "sketch" for users to understand that it is not a plan of survey.	8/31/2016 3:07 PM
8	we use the work sketch in most cases. We also prepare some Topographic Plans. We also present many topo style plans as a Plan of Survey, as a full boundary survey is part of the assignment, and new monumentation has been placed.	8/31/2016 2:46 PM
9	Topographic survey of	8/31/2016 2:34 PM
10	topographic plan.	8/31/2016 2:29 PM
11	Sketch for Building permit etc.	8/31/2016 8:29 AM
12	I always have understood that if you use Plan then you mean Plan of Survey and are required to monument and sign the plan.	8/30/2016 4:11 PM
13	Plan showing.....	8/30/2016 3:26 PM
14	Illustration + specific purpose	8/30/2016 1:51 PM
15	Plan of Survey, Topographic Plan - I use the word Plan because they are prepared in accordance with the regulations using proper survey evidence and retracement.	8/29/2016 4:19 PM
16	Map, site plan	8/29/2016 1:48 PM
17	not applicable. if we prepare a plan of survey, we title is as such.	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
18	Topographic Plan with precise locations and dimensions should not be treated as a sketch but as a full survey	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
19	N/A	8/26/2016 8:50 AM
20	sketch showing sketch for building permit application sketch of municipal address	8/25/2016 3:35 PM
21	topographic survey, proposed severance	8/25/2016 10:46 AM
22	"Plan of"	8/24/2016 3:10 PM
23	Plan of Topography; Lot Grading Plan; Sketch showing Stake-Out for Excavation offsets	8/23/2016 5:43 PM
24	used to include topographic plan until survey review. now use the word "sketch"	8/23/2016 5:31 PM
25	Descriptive Map	8/23/2016 8:25 AM
26	Topographic Plan	8/23/2016 7:51 AM
27	Descriptive Map	8/23/2016 7:08 AM
28	Plan of Encroachment plan Plan of topography	8/22/2016 9:33 PM
29	plan means 2 dimensional sketch you should not say plan of survey or survey like grading is a plan but its not survey	8/22/2016 8:26 PM
30	Sketch to Illustrate Topographical Plan	8/22/2016 8:05 PM

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31	Topographic plan	8/22/2016 6:08 PM
32	topographical plan, grading plan, site plan, servicing plan, consent plan, development plan	8/22/2016 4:37 PM
33	My topographic surveys are released AS surveys not sketches.	8/22/2016 4:00 PM
34	SKETCH FOR DESIGN PURPOSES OF "ADDRESS OR PARK NAME" CITY OF	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
35	Map, Illustration	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
36	"Plan showing topography" "Owner's Property Sketch"	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
37	plan of topography showing...(whatever the subject matter of the plan is)	8/22/2016 3:30 PM
38	Topographic Sketch of Existing Features Sketch Prepared for Planning Purposes	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
39	topographical plan	8/22/2016 3:11 PM
40	Topographic Plan, Plan Showing Topographic, Plan Showing Elevations, Plan Showing...etc.	8/22/2016 3:10 PM
41	Sketch to Illustrate _____ Sketch for __severance etc _____	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
42	Topographic Detail	8/22/2016 3:04 PM
43	Topographic Plan Application....	8/22/2016 3:00 PM
44	For Topos I avoid the word Plan but it doesn't leave room for a very good Title. I usually call them "Topography at Town Hall", but that is a bit awkward.	8/22/2016 2:59 PM
45	Site plan	8/22/2016 2:51 PM

Q33 On the face of your sketches, do they note that they are not plans of survey?

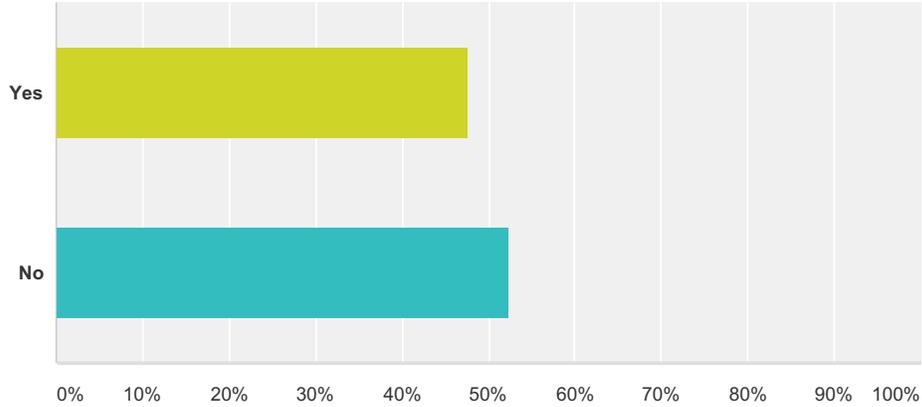
Answered: 143 Skipped: 107



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.02%	113
No	20.98%	30
Total		143

Q34 Do you believe a sketch is “a project” under the current AOLS legislation (O.Reg. 216/10 - Definitions)?

Answered: 141 Skipped: 109



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	47.52% 67
No	52.48% 74
Total	141

#	Comment	Date
1	Not sure.	9/5/2016 1:36 PM
2	The only thing that the "sketches" have to do with the Acts and Regulations is that people who produce them are licensed under the Surveyors Act.	9/2/2016 2:09 PM
3	There are exceptions.	9/2/2016 5:34 AM
4	a "project" under the current legislation is required to conform to all of the requirements outlined in 216/10 which fall outside of the requirements of a sketch	9/1/2016 10:05 AM
5	again non OLS would then have an unfair advantage over us	9/1/2016 9:05 AM
6	I believe part(b) of the definition of a project (b) the determination or analysis of spatial attributes of natural and artificial features on, above or below the surface of the earth, whether or not the surface of the earth is situated below water; ("projet") should be removed. As it could be argued that the AOLS does not have jurisdiction over (nor does it have the capability to exercise it over technical firms that currently perform) this type of survey.	8/31/2016 4:44 PM
7	This is the big question that requires further work.	8/31/2016 3:08 PM
8	Most sketches are not an end to themselves.	8/31/2016 3:07 PM
9	There was a clear bulletin regarding the fact that sketches constitute a "project", a few years ago.	8/31/2016 2:46 PM
10	Do not support the legislation	8/31/2016 2:35 PM
11	I did and for a long time put stickers on my Sketches showing Topographic Information but stopped after talking to many fellow surveyors who never have. The thought or worry is that it opens you up to exposure to the SRD	8/30/2016 4:11 PM
12	Regulation is poorly written and no clear guidance from AOLS to membership.	8/30/2016 1:51 PM
13	Some may be.	8/29/2016 1:48 PM
14	they are part of a larger project	8/27/2016 3:35 PM

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15	Yes and No. The sketch is not a cadastral survey. It could almost be considered a produce under the GIM classification	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
16	they generally lead to plans that would be a project	8/23/2016 8:28 AM
17	Very often we do not mark the boundaries on ground when preparing a sketch.	8/22/2016 9:33 PM
18	I don't know	8/22/2016 5:14 PM
19	so long as the data is compiled and not a true survey then no it is not a project	8/22/2016 4:52 PM
20	Are you asking if a sketch should it need a sticker and be open to peer review...NO. Think about this for a moment: There are non survey companies out there providing pretty pictures from measurements.....Now getting your pretty picture or a "Sketch" from a member of the AOLS should give a client a feeling of safety as they have retained a professional to prepare the work....But does that professional need to be open to additional costs and regulation to prepare a product that other non AOLS companies can prepare without this type of oversight. DO NOT take away our competitive advantage by over regulating the preparation of sketches. Let us not shoot ourselves in the other foot, the first one is still reeling form the CPD injury.	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
21	Not sure	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
22	Most sketches are used for discussion purposes and a Plan of Survey will follow (ie Consent Applications eventually require RPlan.	8/22/2016 3:30 PM
23	It can be depending upon its ultimate purpose.	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
24	not individually, but as a part of the Project yes All drawing in my project 2016-XXXX will have the same sticker number and be review-able as a part of the Project	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
25	But I would be open to saying it is a project.	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
26	Every project is	8/22/2016 3:06 PM
27	It should but there is little reporting through that mechanism	8/22/2016 2:59 PM

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Q35 Do you have any additional comments on sketches for the Professional Standards Committee?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 198

#	Responses	Date
1	I think the whole idea of a sketch is to save time and money. Just do enough to get the job done and prove the point. Save on evidence research, save on title search, save on field work (no monuments), prepare a simple sketch that your client can understand in a glance. Thanks, Bruce	9/5/2016 1:36 PM
2	Shame on us that after 125 years of existence we still can't figure out what the surveyor's role is in the society. We swear the oath upon acceptance to the profession that we'll protect public interest. This is a privilege! We are to stand up to the higher standards, not to lower them for few extra dollars of the cost of the AOLS sticker (that is not purchased for the "sketches"), although plans with no sticker are never reviewed - that's a bonus - to a surveyor at the expense of the public)	9/2/2016 2:09 PM
3	however this proceeds, we need to have an open and honest discussion amongst our peers. we also need to do an environmental scan of our peers across the country. however we deal with this, it should not constrain or narrow our practice. rather it should open it up to more innovation and flexibility so that we can truly meet the current and futures needs of all of our clients. move to a more ethically based model versus a prescriptive one. we are all professionals and capable of governing ourselves as such.	9/2/2016 2:06 PM
4	This iss not a big issue in area.	9/2/2016 5:34 AM
5	I think a clear differentiation between sketches (such as sketch to show severance application, etc.) and other products such as Topographic Plans should be made. Most surveyors take great care when compiling boundaries for a Topographic Plan. Clients do not always require a fully monumented boundary for some of the products they request so I think we need to listen to what our clients are asking for (compiled boundaries for topo plans is nothing new)	9/1/2016 10:05 AM
6	No	9/1/2016 7:44 AM
7	No	9/1/2016 7:33 AM
8	I believe it is important to constantly evolve the standards for the completion of surveys and respond to market demands. The most important thing we can do as a membership is promote that only Ontario Land Surveyors can provide opinions on the locations of boundaries and that these opinions can only be expressed via a Plan of Survey. It should be made clear when a compiled boundary is being used or parcel mapping is being used and that it cannot be relied upon.	8/31/2016 4:44 PM
9	This entire survey is ridiculous. Sketch is a hugely open-ended term that is too broad to regulate. For example, I could draw a little map on the back of a cigarette box to show someone how to get from point A to point B. Some might call this a sketch. Should the AOLS regulate my cigarette box doodles? Absolutely not. Regulate Plans of Survey. If something that is a Plan of Survey is labelled a sketch, then you have an issue. Identify what features make something partially a plan of survey. In other news, why does demographic information appear at the beginning of every survey? Does it matter what the 103 year old says as compared to the 23 year old?	8/31/2016 3:08 PM
10	No.	8/31/2016 3:07 PM
11	no	8/31/2016 2:54 PM
12	I believe sketches are a required part of a survey firm's business. In todays world a firm can not survive by limiting itself to legal surveys only. We need to be seen as the masters of geospatial data, otherwise we will be left behind as the world continues forward. As time passes there will be less and less requirements for legal surveys as GIS data bases improve in accuracy and coverage. If we over regulate ourselves we will end up obsolete in the market and ultimately provide a disservice to the public. As OLSs we have a responsibility to the public to provide them with the products they need as long as it suits their intended use. Forcing "Plans of Survey" on the public will paint us in the light of a professional only looking after their own best interests. I fear over regulation on the type of work we can complete will result in many leaving the membership and forcing deregulation of our profession.	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
13	We need more continuing education on this matter.	8/31/2016 2:42 PM
14	I attempt to keep client costs down. Sketches, professionally done support that approach in many situations	8/31/2016 2:35 PM

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15	if the sketch shows legal monuments being found or set. HAVE THEM DEPOSITED. SRPR's should also be in this category. I cannot comprehend why we need to call/email 100 firms to find legal plans. They should be found in one place!	8/31/2016 2:29 PM
16	It appears to me that some sketches are being called sketches because the one thing they don't require is monumentation. I have encountered sketches that met all of the requirements of a survey but were not monumented as required for a plan of survey. Everything else was done, found monuments shown, easements shown, etc.	8/31/2016 2:27 PM
17	There needs to be an accommodation for a product or products that are somewhere between a sketch and a plan of survey. We should be able to show a boundary and ties provided that all of the work to support the boundary has been done.	8/31/2016 2:26 PM
18	I think we need a product that allows us to meet our clients needs with out forcing them to pay for information they do not want or need. If they need the boundary information then fine we will prepare a Plan of Survey but we should be able to provide a Sketch	8/30/2016 4:11 PM
19	Sketches are being sold as a replacement for legal surveys and that erodes our profession. The surveyors selling them are aware that they should be selling the client a survey and not a cheap sketch. That is profession misconduct.....	8/30/2016 3:26 PM
20	If the O.L.S. firm will be required to produce only sketches that comply with plan of survey standards we will not be competitive in the market place and will lost work to tech firms, Engineers and Planners.	8/30/2016 3:16 PM
21	Quite the challenge.	8/30/2016 1:51 PM
22	The pre-2015 sketch guide lines seemed to adequately address the sketch issue. I have no idea why this is a problem. It is either a sketch, a SRPR, or a Plan of Survey. Not rocket science people.	8/29/2016 8:16 PM
23	I am thrilled that you are doing this.	8/29/2016 4:19 PM
24	none at this time	8/29/2016 11:33 AM
25	As an employee, I avoid being insubordinate. The topic of sketches is ethically disturbing.	8/27/2016 3:35 PM
26	I would be willing to explain and review my sketches with the Committee, as well as learn from the Committee as to what the specific issues are an how to address them. This is a challenging topic and could use dialogue, guidance and training.	8/26/2016 1:55 PM
27	sketches have their purpose and role but the SRPR needs to be done first.	8/25/2016 10:46 AM
28	Get rid of sketches all together	8/24/2016 5:18 PM
29	I believe that there is not a uniform acceptance of what a sketch is by all CofA members. This makes it unfair for those who accept what a sketch is and obey by the regulations.	8/24/2016 4:00 PM
30	Provide what the general public requires and use best evidence of a boundary. Do not over complicate a survey with regulations.	8/24/2016 3:10 PM
31	Remove Sketches as well as "Topographic Detail..." and similar titles if a Boundary is shown and referred to. If references to a boundary is made then qualify the origin of that information either one's own previous work or an underlying Legal Survey.	8/23/2016 2:04 PM
32	No.	8/23/2016 10:17 AM
33	don't use them	8/23/2016 8:10 AM
34	Sketches are useful tools- just like all the other tools we have they must be used where appropriate.	8/23/2016 7:31 AM
35	good luck folks!!!	8/23/2016 1:41 AM
36	If you want to implement only an SRPR system, municipalities must be lobbied to make this a requirement. This way engineers and others would not be able to submit topo plans and prepare grading plans based on these, competing with us.Right now I have come across engineers preparing topos , site plans and grading plans, showing houses that may not even fit on lots. Coverage is calculated based on these compiled boundaries. Then the client comes to me for construction only. It is imperative municipalities ask to see a surveyor's signature on any plan submitted for custom home design.	8/22/2016 10:17 PM
37	There is a need to come up with guidelines and recognize topographic surveys as a valid product. The topographic plans show the boundaries and existing site conditions and form a base for new designs. They have been around based on compiled boundaries since I started at Speight's in 1987. I believe that we illustrate the retracement method on the topographic plans. However there setting survey monuments to mark the boundary corners should not be mandatory as those plans are strictly for a design purpose and do not change or bring any new survey evidence to the site.	8/22/2016 9:33 PM

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38	too many regulation just to give hard time to surveyors(O.L.S) make it simplify you are here to serve public not bother your fellow surveyors	8/22/2016 8:26 PM
39	Keep up the great work.	8/22/2016 6:30 PM
40	get rid of them except for severance applications or other purposes where even the public can do the sketch. No signatures and no monumentation	8/22/2016 6:06 PM
41	The definition of a sketch must exclude engineering plans or else compliance by firms who hold both CofAs is impossible.	8/22/2016 4:37 PM
42	See Above.	8/22/2016 3:50 PM
43	Sketches and Plans of Survey serve different purposes and should be mutually exclusive	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
44	There must be an approved way for members to prepare preliminary plans (sketches) for design purposes. In all the cases I've been involved with, it's not to avoid the full legal field survey that will result in a reference plan or SRPR further in the project, but to plan for it. When Hydro One or TransCanada Pipelines design a new route for infrastructure, they require preliminary information on many routes prior to the final legal field survey of the route chosen. If OLS firms can't help them in the initial stages, technical firms and GIS firms will get all of the planning work for these large projects (millions of dollars) and OLS firms will only be involved at the final stages. If we're going to "grow" the profession, the AOLS needs to allow members to be part of major projects, not just a sub-consultant at the very end of them.	8/22/2016 3:32 PM
45	No	8/22/2016 3:28 PM
46	Really don't prepare sketches very often. Maybe one in the last 5 years? I always recommend that a proper survey be prepared with or without elevations.	8/22/2016 3:25 PM
47	These comments are done quickly without a great deal of thoughtful consideration - my answers are subject to further consideration	8/22/2016 3:16 PM
48	allow for wide flexibility and discretion at the survey office	8/22/2016 3:12 PM
49	YES, WHY IS THE COMMITTEE STILL WASTING TIME HERE. GUIDELINES ALREADY EXIST. MEMBERS MUST FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CHANGE.	8/22/2016 3:08 PM
50	republish the existing guidelines and	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
51	please consider allowing us, the professionals, to use the term Sketch to meet the requirements of our clients, the municipalities and to compete in the marketplace	8/22/2016 3:07 PM
52	Get rid of them and raise the bar	8/22/2016 3:06 PM