

CORRECTION

Newfoundland Land Surveyors Issues Warning About Unauthorized Practice of Land Surveying

One of the responsibilities of the Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors is the protection of the public from unlicensed firms practicing land surveying within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Mandated by legislation, the Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors is the only body in the province which has the authority to sanction anyone to offer land survey services to the public

ANLS Council received complaints that a company named **Big Land Geomatics** operating out of Labrador were offering services in land surveying in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador City and other areas in Labrador; therefore representing themselves as land surveyors. Council dealt with this matter by sending two letters to the owner of the company informing them that they do not hold a Certificate of Authorization nor do they have a NLS on staff, therefore they are **NOT** authorized to practice land surveying in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Big Land Geomatics were asked to "*cease and desist*" immediately or legal action will be taken.

The "*cease and desist*" did not happen, and under the advisement of our legal counsel, a "Public Notice of Unauthorized Practice" was placed in two Labrador Newspapers "The Labradorian" and "The Aurora". Along with the AD placement, municipalities in Labrador were notified through email.

A CBC Reporter, Matt McCann, picked up on the story which ran October 28, 2013. The first link below is the radio interview which took place between Matt McCann and Keith Renouf, Registrar with ANLS. The second link contains the written article.

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Local+Shows/Newfoundland/ID/2414697169/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/surveyors-association-issues-warning-about-company-1.2254005>

~~A motion was made at the October 28th council meeting to advise our legal counsel to proceed with further action against Big Land Geomatics as outlined in The Land Surveyor's Act, 1991.~~

After a review of the recorded meeting "NO MOTION" was made by council to advise our legal counsel to proceed with further action against Big Land Geomatics. Correspondence with our legal counsel is taking place.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Association Office.