



Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association Annual Report To The Canadian Council of Land Surveyors 2009 Annual General Meeting

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

74 Licensed members (63 active), 6 new commissions were granted last year

5 life members and 17 retired members

18 land surveyors in training four of whom challenged the examinations this year

The 2009 AGM for the SLSA is a little later than normal this year. It will take place in Elk Ridge Resort from the 11th to the 13th of June. Elk Ridge Resort is one hour north of Prince Albert and is near Prince Albert National Park.

New and amended Association Bylaws will be brought forward at the upcoming AGM. These changes will allow our Association to more effectively deal with the requirements of the nation wide labor mobility changes being driven by the Provincial and Federal governments.

We held our government agency meeting as part of our fall education seminar in 2008. These meetings typically involve representatives from Community Planning, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskTel, SaskWater, Heritage, Information Services Corporation, etc. The agency meetings have proven to be beneficial in the past and the SLSA membership once again had a chance to have discussions on a variety of topics with these agencies.

This year we also had meetings between representatives of the SLSA and specific agencies on a one-on-one basis. These meetings were held to express our concerns with respect to community planning delays, condominium act amendments, riparian rights, etc.

Even with the downturn in the economy we have been fortunate to remain relatively busy in Saskatchewan. In 2008 there was a 21% increase in the number of plans approved and a 34% increase in the number of parcels processed by Information Services Corporation over the previous year.

As with many of the other Land Surveyors' Associations we have put considerable effort into public relations. We have approached public relations on several fronts including placing manned booths at various career fairs. We are still in the process of producing teacher resource kits for the "Surveyor's Crate" and plan on attending teacher seminars to promote the kits.

One event that we have been planning for over the last several years is our Association's 100th anniversary. We normally have our AGM about the last weekend in May but next year our meeting will be in March in keeping with the timing of our very first Association meeting. We are looking forward to special events throughout the meeting and everyone is invited to our 100th meeting.

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