

**The Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors Report
Prepared for the CCLS-CCAG AGM
2 October 2006**

The Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors last held a council meeting on 8 September 2006. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 2006.

As reported last year the Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors is well on the road to a new Strategic Plan and this is moving forward at a steady pace.

Our Mandatory Continuing Education Program is fast approaching the end of the first three years and with a few exceptions has been quite successful in getting members participating in Continuing Education and the affairs of the Association. The Association is now being forced to consider the most appropriate way to deal with non compliance from a few members.

In late 2007 the Province of Nova Scotia will be adopting the Canadian High Precision Network as the provincial coordinate referencing system or at least the Nova Scotia realization called NAD83 (NSCRS). Under this new reference framework Nova Scotia will be using two projections, UTM Zone 20 for mapping at 1:10000 or smaller and a 3 degree MTM projection for larger scale mapping and for cadastral surveying. The Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors has been working closely with the Province of Nova Scotia to implement the best system for everyone involved.

As many of you may know Nova Scotia has recently put in place a new land registry system. The Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors has been concerned with some of the implications of the new system on land tenure in the province. The Association has been working with government to address these concerns with its' main goals being to protect the public and the profession as we move forward with this new system.

The Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors has appointed Gerry Bourbonniere, NSLS to represent Nova Scotia on the CCLS Distance Learning Steering Committee. Also, since my term as CCLS Director representing Nova Scotia comes to an end in December 2006 the Association has selected Jim Gunn, NSLS to be our new CCLS director starting in January 2007.

Ray Pottier, NSLS
CCLS Director for Nova Scotia