

Labour Mobility Monitoring Group Report to the CCLS Board of Directors Annual Meeting June 2004

A Mutual Recognition Agreement under the Agreement on Internal Trade, Labour Mobility Chapter, was signed by ten of the eleven licensing bodies for land surveyors in Canada in June 2001. The MRA is posted in English and French on the CCLS web site. Under the following two sections of the MRA a monitoring group was formed.

5.1 Each association agrees to identify a contact person(s) for each association to monitor and assess the implementation of the agreement within their association and to participate in a group made up of all association contact persons to address inquires, disputes, or questions arising from the implementation or application of the agreement.

5.3 Each association agrees that this agreement is a dynamic and evolving instrument that may be amended with the consent of all associations. The association agrees to initiate periodic reviews of this agreement every year after July 1, 2001 and to review the operation of the agreement when such a request is made by one of the associations.

The original consortium members who negotiated the MRA expressed the opinion that it would naturally fall to the CCLS to assist in the process of monitoring and review by providing administrative services to the group of representatives formed under the MRA. Under the Terms of Reference for the CCLS Labour Mobility Task Force, adopted by the Board by Motion D-01-41, the CCLS Executive Director and the Monitoring Group Chair, currently Phil Milo, perform this function.

The 2003 budget was \$250 of which \$164.16 was spent for one teleconference of the monitoring group. The 2004 budget is again \$250 to cover the annual teleconference and any other communication or administration.

Minutes of the first two annual review meetings are posted on the CCLS web site and a third meeting will be scheduled for later this spring. To this point there have been no overly contentious issues regarding the agreement. The monitoring group has been used as a forum to discuss and clarify a number of items although the number of surveyors licensed through this agreement remains low.

Recent reviews of, and amendments to, the regulations affecting the Association of Prince Edward Island Land Surveyors have led to the opportunity to have that association sign the MRA. This will result in all surveyors associations in Canada being party to the agreement.

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