

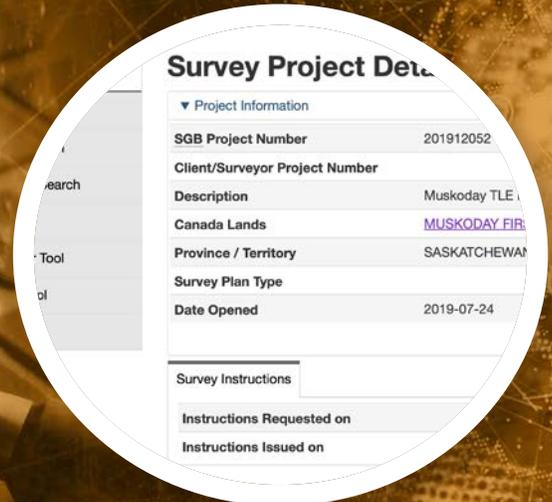


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GETTING STARTED – WHICH TOOL SHOULD YOU USE?

There are four methods of conducting searches for Canada Lands Survey Records (CLSR). These include:



[CLSS Map Browser](#) – an interactive, map-based plan and parcel search tool



[Canada Lands in Google Earth](#) – an overlay providing an integrated view of boundaries and parcels in Google Earth



[Survey Plan Search](#) – a text-based search tool for all current and historical records



[Survey Project Search](#) – a text-based search tool for in-progress survey projects

The following pages will help you determine which tool to use to find the information you seek.

WHICH TOOL SHOULD YOU USE?

If I know the lot number I am looking for?

The Map Browser Search tool and the keyword search of the Survey Plan Search tool allows searching for a lot or a parcel number. See example in the Map Browser Help Manual on page 24.



If I have a plan number?

The Survey Plan Search tool is the easiest way to find a survey plan if you know the plan number. See example 2 of the Survey Plan Search Help Manual on page 16.



If I know exactly where to look on a map to find the information I need?

Google Earth and the Map Browser allow you to navigate to the parcel or to the area you are looking for. Note that Google Earth only shows the most up-to-date parcels. See example 1 of the Google Earth Help Manual on page 22.



If I want to find one or more active or inactive parcels using only the Canada Lands name ?

Depending on the input and the type of search, all tools would work except Google Earth that only shows the most up-to-date parcels. See the example in the Map Browser (page 24), the example 1 in the Survey Plan Search (page 14) and example 2 in the Survey Project Search (page 15) Help Manuals.



If I want to see the most recent parcels over an aerial photograph?

Google Earth is the only tool that allows for viewing the parcels over aerial imagery. See "How to Search" of the Google Earth Help Manual on page 15.



If I have a project number from the Canada Lands Survey System?

If you know the project number, the Survey Project Search tool allows to find any open and/or closed projects. See example 2 of the Survey Project Search Help Manual on page 15.



If I know the name of the land surveyor?

Surveys by a Canada Lands Surveyor can be found using the Surveyor field of the Survey Plan Search and the Survey Project Search tools. See "How to use Survey Project Search" of the Survey Project Search Help Manual on page 10.



If I am looking for a parcel designated for a specific use (road, park, school, etc.) ?

Using the Survey Plan Search or the Survey Project Search tools, it is possible to do a keyword search. See example 3 of the Survey Plan Search Help Manual on page 18.



If I am looking for a specific type of document or a specific type of survey plan (condominium, mineral claim, right of ways) ?

Using the Survey Plan Search tool, it is possible to filter the results according to the type of documents or the purpose of the survey. See "How to use Survey Plan Search" of the Survey Plan Search Help Manual on page 10.





OVERVIEW

Canada Lands include the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; more than 3,100 Indian Reserves; Canada's National and Historic Parks; and Canada's offshore area.

The Canada Lands Survey System (CLSS) provides the framework for defining, marking, and describing the boundaries of Canada Lands.

Survey records are the legal survey documents (plans, field notes, reports, diaries).

Official survey plans, information on surveys in progress and geospatial representations of parcels of Canada Lands are all accessible online.

This guide focuses on **Survey Project Search**, which is used to find the current status of a project. A survey project is created by a Canada Lands Surveyor for any survey work on Canada Lands

INFORMATION FOR LAND ADMINISTRATORS

Survey systems provide land administrators with the location and size of parcels of land, allowing them to manage property rights.

Survey plans and cadastral datasets for geographical information systems (GIS) are available to support land administrators with interests in Canada Lands.

The survey plans define boundaries, while the cadastral datasets are amalgamations of all the parcel and plan information. The cadastral dataset is a valuable tool to support planning and management, but should not be used for defining boundaries.

Survey plans on Canada Lands are recorded in the Canada Lands Survey Records, which are updated regularly and reflect the most recent recorded survey information.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Browser Requirements: The Survey Project Search is designed to work in various web browsers and no plugins are required to access the application. However, other data accessible through the browser, such as survey plans, requires the use of third-party applications to view the plan images.

JavaScript must be enabled.

The [DjVu browser plug-in](#) (Opens in new window) is required to view DjVu files.

GETTING STARTED

Home Page of the Survey Project Search: You can open the Survey Project Search English version using a web browser of your choice: Microsoft Edge, Google's Google Chrome, or the Mozilla Foundation's Firefox:

<https://cls.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/cls/project-projet/search-recherche>

TIP:

For definitions of unfamiliar terms, refer to the glossary on page 21.



HOW TO USE SURVEY PROJECT SEARCH

TIP:

These are the fields available to use when searching for a project, and explanations of each. It is unlikely that you will use all of these fields. For example, usually only land surveyors would use the ALCS Checklist Number.

The best way to find what you are looking for is to start with a broad search, and then filter to locate the item you are searching for.

Canada Lands Survey System

- Survey Standards
- Survey Plan Search
- Survey Project Search
- Map Browser
- Grid Converter Tool
- Well Offsets Tool
- Cadastral Data

Survey Project Search

Keyword

SGB Project Number

Client/Surveyor Project Number

Status

Surveyor

Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Company

Contract Number

Canada Land

Search starts after first 2 characters typed. Type dash (-) instead of degree (*). E.g.: to search "GRID AREA 60°20'N", please type "GRID AREA 60-20'N" or simply "60-20'N"

ALCS Checklist Number

▶ Filter search by province or territory

Reset
Search

You can search for text found in the project description. For example, Lot 2, Road, School.

A Surveyor General Branch (SGB) Project Number is given to each project undertaken by a Canada Lands Surveyor. If you know this number, it can be entered here.

Search by non-SGB project number.

Search by the surveyor's name.

Search by survey company name.

Enter the contract number here.

Enter the name of the Reserve, territory, or National or Historic Park. Names will appear once you start typing.

Select Open, Closed, or Both from the dropdown menu. Open indicates projects that are still in progress, while Closed indicates projects that are completed. Selecting Both will search for Open and Closed projects.

Click here to filter by provinces or territories. A menu with options will appear.

Survey documents are assigned a checklist number from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors that can be used to find the project.

Click



HOW TO READ YOUR RESULTS

Survey Project Search Results

Results 1 - 3 of 3

| <u>SGB</u> Project Number | Status | Surveyor's Project Number | Description |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--|
| 201912052 | Open | | Muskoday TLE File 5 - Prov. Plan Recording |
| 201812051 | Open | | Plan Near I.R. |
| 201712158 | Open | | Request for File review, Muskoday 6 |

The **SGB Project Number** includes a link that you can click that will provide Survey Project Details information.

This result shows that three projects relating to Muskoday have an **Open** status.

Descriptions of the projects appear here.

Results 1 - 3 of 3

Survey Project Details are shown on the next page.

Survey Project Details

| ▼ Project Information | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|------|
| <u>SGB Project Number</u> | 201912052 | Status | Open |
| Client/Surveyor Project Number | | | |
| Description | Muskoday TLE File 5 - Prov. Plan Recording | | |
| Canada Lands | MUSKODAY FIRST NATION (76555) | Surveyor | |
| Province / Territory | SASKATCHEWAN (SK) | Company | |
| Survey Plan Type | | Contract Number | |
| Date Opened | 2019-07-24 | Date Closed | |
| Survey Instructions | | | |
| Instructions Requested on | | | |
| Instructions Issued on | | | |

This project was opened on July 24, 2019.

Click on the Canada Lands link to go to the CLSS Map Browser tool.

TIP:

For more information about the Map Browser tool, see the CLSS Map Browser guide.



SEARCH EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1: You want to find a survey project that was carried out in Tzeachten First Nation. You are not certain whether the project has been completed.

Survey Project Search

Keyword

SGB Project Number

Client/Surveyor Project Number

Status

Surveyor

Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Company

Contract Number

Canada Land

Search starts after first 2 characters typed. Type dash (-) instead of degree (°). E.g.: to search "GRID AREA 60°20'N", please type "GRID AREA 60-20'N" or simply "60-20'N"

ACLS Checklist Number

▶ Filter search by province or territory

Reset Search

Click

Choose both, which will return results for Open **and** Closed projects.

Enter the Reserve Name here.

Survey Project Search Results

This search
returns 108
results.

Results 1 - 20 of 108

1 2 3 4 5 6 Next →

| <u>SGB</u> Project Number | Status | Surveyor's Project Number | Description |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| 201910169 | Instructions Request in progress | CDP | Plan of Survey of Lot 444 |
| 201910168 | Instructions Issued | | Plan of Survey of Lot 444 Tzeachten Indian Reserve No. 13 |
| 201910143 | Closed | CW1800179CLS | SURVEY OF BUILDING UNITS 7 & 12 ON 380 REMAINDER |
| 201910142 | Closed | CW1800023STRATA | Survey of Units 1-11 on lot 16-5 on Tzeachten IR 13 |
| 201910121 | Closed | 18-08 | Southside Access R/W |
| 201910104 | Closed | 5197 | Lease 3 |
| 201910096 | Closed | CW1800157CLS | SURVEY OF UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY |
| 201910077 | Open | | SSR 19003 - Addition to Reserve - four parcels of land |
| 201910071 | Instructions Issued | CW1800145CLSP3 | right of way for City of Chilliwack vault |
| 201910045 | Instructions Issued | 0632 PLAN 4 | Subdivision of Lots 397, 398, 401 and 402 (Deferred Monumentation) |
| 201910017 | Closed | CW1900352CLS | subdivision of Lot 412 |
| 201810197 | Closed | CW1800099CLS | To survey lot 13 remainder to give the parcel a new lot name (no longer a remainder) for the purpose of a head lease. |
| 201810178 | Closed | CW1800178CLS | subdivision of lot 15-3 |
| 201810175 | Closed | CW1800157CLS | create lot/ right of way |
| 201810155 | Closed | CW18-145CERT | lot 10-2 |
| 201810154 | Closed | | SSR 18022 - Addition to Reserve - Lot 1 (0.535 ha), Plan EPP84645 See 2019 10 077 |
| 201810103 | Instructions Issued | 0632 PLAN 3 | SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 11-1-1, 11-1-2, 12-9, 12-10 |
| 201810098 | Closed | G977 | KLOOT - PHASED STRATA |



SEARCH EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 2: You want to know the status of the project number 201810197 on Tzeachten reserve. You are not certain whether the project has been closed. Searching by project number is the easiest way to find information relating to a project.

Survey Project Search

Keyword

SGB Project Number Enter the **Project Number** here.

Client/Surveyor Project Number

Status Choose **Both** as the **Status**

Surveyor
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Company

Contract Number

Canada Land
Search starts after first 2 characters typed. Type dash (-) instead of degree (°). E.g.: to search "GRID AREA 60°20'N", please type "GRID AREA 60-20'N" or simply "60-20'N"

ACLS Checklist Number

▶ Filter search by province or territory

Click

The search returns this result:

Survey Project Search Results

Results 1 - 1 of 1

| <u>SGB Project Number</u> | Status | Surveyor's Project Number | Description |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|
| 201810197 | Closed | CW1800099CLS | To survey lot 13 remainder to give the parcel a new lot name (no longer a remainder) for the purpose of a head lease. |

Click on the link to show the Survey Project Details.

Results 1 - 1 of 1

Survey Project Details

| ▼ Project Information | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| <u>SGB Project Number</u> | 201810197 | Status | Closed |
| <u>Client/Surveyor Project Number</u> | CW1800099CLS | | |
| <u>Description</u> | To survey lot 13 remainder to give the parcel a new lot name (no longer a remainder) for the purpose of a head lease. | | |
| <u>Canada Lands</u> | TZEACHTEN 13 (08058) | Surveyor | POWER, KENNETH MITCHELL (opens in new window) |
| <u>Province / Territory</u> | BRITISH COLUMBIA (BC) | Company | |
| <u>Survey Plan Type</u> | Parcel Survey | Contract Number | |
| <u>Date Opened</u> | 2019-01-15 | <u>Date Closed</u> | 2019-03-22 |
| <u>Survey Instructions</u> | Survey Document: #49352 | | |
| <u>Instructions Requested on</u> | | | 2019-01-15 |
| <u>Instructions Issued on</u> | | | 2019-01-16 |

This project was opened on January 15, 2019.

This project closed on March 22, 2019.

TIP:

Contact your regional office to get more information on a specific survey project or on the **Survey Instructions** and **Survey Document** tabs.



SEARCH EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 3: You want to find any survey plan in Tzeachten First Nation that was surveyed by Rod Zelli.

Survey Project Search

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Keyword | <input type="text"/> | |
| <u>SGB</u> Project Number | <input type="text"/> | |
| Client/Surveyor Project Number | <input type="text"/> | |
| Status | Both ▼ | Select Both for the Status since you do not know whether the project is Open or Closed. |
| Surveyor | ZELLI, ROD <small>Search starts after first 2 characters typed.</small> | Start entering the surveyor's name, either first or last, and a list of options will appear. Choose the correct one. |
| Company | Permit Holder or Company | |
| Contract Number | Number | |
| Canada Land | TZEACHTEN 13 (08058) <small>Search starts after first 2 characters typed. Type dash (-) instead of degree (°). E.g.: to search "GRID AREA 60°20'N", please type "GRID AREA 60-20'N" or simply "60-20'N"</small> | Enter the Reserve Name here. |
| <u>ACLS</u> Checklist Number | Number | |

▶ Filter search by province or territory

Reset

Search

Click

The search returns these results:

Survey Project Search Results

Results 1 - 2 of 2

| SGB Project Number | Status | Surveyor's Project Number | Description |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 201910169 | Instructions Request in progress | CDP | Plan of Survey of Lot 444 |
| 201910168 | Instructions Issued | | Plan of Survey of Lot 444 Tzeachten Indian Reserve No. 13 |

Results 1 - 2 of 2



HELP

HELP ON VIEWING AND DOWNLOADING DOCUMENTS

This section provides tips and recommendations on viewing and downloading survey plans, maps and other documents.

[Viewing Large Size Survey Plan Images](#)

For survey plan images that are relatively large in scale (very wide/tall in pixels) or large in file size (larger than 8MB), some image viewing software may not be capable of showing it properly. As a result, when users load the image in their viewers, it could appear to be blank. To view large images, you can download image viewing software such as [IrfanView](#).

[Viewing DjVu files](#)

Some of the scanned survey plans and related documentation are available in DjVu format where file sizes are large and high file compression is required. To view DjVu files, you need the DjVu viewer available for free download from this site: <https://djvu.com/download/>.

[Viewing PDF files](#)

Some of the documentation and maps are available in PDF format. To view PDF files you need Acrobat Reader 6.0 (or later) on your system. If the Adobe download site is not accessible to you, you can download Adobe Reader from an accessible page. If you choose not to use Acrobat Reader, you can convert the PDF file to HTML or ASCII text using one of the conversion services offered by Adobe.

[Viewing large images at best quality](#)

This website may provide links to very large detailed images that may exceed the browser window size even if the window is maximized. Some browsers have the capability of scaling these large images to fit in the browser window, but unfortunately this reduces the quality of the image and legibility of the information. If an image changes size to fill the browser window as the window is resized, the scaling feature has been enabled. The scaling feature should be disabled to view the image at best quality, although this requires the use of browser window scrollbars to view the entire image. To disable the image scaling:

Microsoft Internet Explorer:

Select Tools - Internet Options – Advanced

Scroll down to the Multimedia section, and uncheck the Enable Automatic Image Resizing option.

Firefox:

Select Tools - Options - Advanced – General

Uncheck the Resize larger images to fit in the browser window option in the Browsing section.

NEED MORE HELP?

For terms and abbreviations please refer to the glossary.

For help with survey plans, please refer to the [National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands](#) and the [Interdepartmental and Intergovernmental Agreements](#).

For any other information, contact your Surveyor General Branch Regional Office:

- [Alberta Regional Office](#)
- [Atlantic Regional Office](#)
- [British Columbia Regional Office](#)
- [Manitoba Regional Office](#)
- [Northwest Territories Regional Office](#)
- [Nunavut Regional Office](#)
- [Ontario Regional Office](#)
- [Quebec Regional Office](#)
- [Saskatchewan Regional Office](#)
- [Yukon Regional Office](#)

GLOSSARY

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Administrative Area | The spatial extents of a jurisdiction created by combining all the associated parcels together. These areas are generally Indian Reserves, Indian Lands, Settlement Lands, National Parks, and Territorial Parks. |
| Administrative Plan | A plan created for administrative purposes and prepared under Section 31 of the Canada Lands Surveys Act. They are used for defining boundaries or parcels and they are approved by the Surveyor General before being recorded in the CLSR. |
| Air Space Parcel Survey | An air space parcel survey is a survey that describes a volume of space. Examples include underground tunnels, bridges, and overhead walkways. Air space parcel boundaries are independent of physical structures, and are defined by plane or curved surfaces that have three-dimensional coordinates. |
| Allotment | The process by which an individual or a group receives lawful possession of reserve land from the Band, the First Nation Council, or any other body entitled to assign land. |
| Artificial Boundary | An invisible boundary defined by a straight line, a circular curve of known radius, or, in rare cases, a spiral curve. A rectangular parcel is usually formed by artificial boundaries. |
| Boundary | Boundaries of parcels are ubiquitous. They exist in the field only and are created by agreements between people. All peoples across all cultures mark the boundaries of their parcels on the ground or in the air. These boundaries can serve economic, social or security purposes. A boundary can be defined using artificial lines or natural elements such rivers or ridge lines. On Canada Lands, only a Canada Lands Surveyor can make the connection between the description of the land as presented on a survey plan and the boundary itself in the field. |
| Boundary Surveys | Regulated expertise that incorporates technical, procedural and legal aspects related to determining, describing and demarcating property and administrative boundaries. Also referred to as Land Surveys, Cadastral Surveys, and Legal Surveys. |
| Cadastral dataset | Cadastral datasets, also known as digital cadastral data or survey fabric are amalgamations of all the parcels and plan information. This amalgamation can be used to support planning and management, but should not be used for defining boundaries. |
| Cadastral Surveys | Regulated expertise that incorporates technical, procedural and legal aspects related to determining, describing and demarcating property and administrative boundaries. Also referred to as Boundary Surveys, Land Surveys, and Legal Surveys. |
| Canada Land | As defined in Section 24 of the Canada Lands Surveys Act, Canada Lands include the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; over 3100 Reserves; Canada's National Parks; and Canada's offshore area. |

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| Canada Lands in Google Earth | Canada Lands in Google Earth is an overlay providing an integrated view of boundaries and parcels in Google Earth. |
| Canada Lands Survey Records (CLSR) | The Canada Lands Survey Records is a registry of legal survey documents and contains survey plans, field notes, diaries, reports and other documents to support property rights on Canada Lands. |
| Canada Lands Survey System (CLSS) | The Canada Lands Survey System (CLSS) provides the framework and infrastructure for defining, demarcating and describing boundaries of Canada Lands and of private lands in the North. |
| Canada Lands Surveyor (CLS) | Surveyors who hold a commission under Section 49 of the Canada Lands Surveyors Act apply mathematics, property law and use of the latest measurement technology to create parcels of land and establish property boundaries on Canada Lands. |
| CLSS Map Browser | The Canada Lands Survey System Map Browser is an interactive, map-based plan and parcel search tool. |
| Community | Refers to rural and northern communities of the territories or in the provinces in the Canada Lands Survey System. |
| Compiled Plan | A compiled plan is a plan of parcels or boundaries produced using survey field note information of records in the CLSR, as well as incorporating that information shown on plans registered in a provincial or territorial Land Titles office. Compiled plans are a means to create parcels from a reliable survey fabric. |
| Condominium Surveys | The objective of a condominium survey or condominium plan is to divide property into parts to be owned individually (called “units”) and parts to be owned in common (called “common property” or “common elements”). For example, on a condominium plan, a building can be defined by reference to floors, walls, and ceilings. |
| Control Surveys | Control surveys provide horizontal and vertical positions of points or monuments to which other surveys are adjusted. |
| Coordinates | A system that is used to calculate, map or locate the position of objects, for example geographic coordinates in degrees of latitude and longitude or Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projected coordinates in metres. |
| Cree-Naskapi | Refers to Cree and Naskapi communities in northern Quebec in the Canada Lands Survey System. |
| Digital cadastral data | Digital cadastral data, also known as cadastral dataset or survey fabric are amalgamations of all the parcels and plan information. This amalgamation can be used to support planning and management, but should not be used for defining boundaries. |
| Easement | A non-exclusive, limited right affecting real property allowing one party to cross or use another party’s land for specific purposes. |

| | |
|---|---|
| Explanatory Plan | An Explanatory Plan is a plan prepared from information found on plans and field notes recorded in the Canada Lands Survey Records (CLSR), and is not based upon any new field survey. An Explanatory Plan is used to define the boundaries of short-term or non-exclusive interests such as short-term leases, utility easements, access roads or right-of-ways, and First Nation surrender or designation votes. |
| Field Book | Surveyors use field books to record data and make notes while they are in the field. Some of this field book information is shown on the survey plan and/or field notes submitted to the Surveyor General. |
| Field Notes | Field notes are the synthesis of the data collected in the field during the execution of the survey. Field notes of survey prepared by a surveyor and submitted to the Surveyor General are filed in the CLSR in accordance with Section 18 of the Canada Lands Surveys Act. Field notes can be included in a survey plan or not. |
| First Nation | In the Canada Lands Survey System, First Nations may refer to a band or a community that is associated with one or more Indian reserves. |
| Indian Reserve | Tract of land set aside under the Indian Act or treaty agreements for the exclusive use of a First Nation. A reserve can be held in common between different First Nations. |
| Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) | ISC works and supports Indigenous peoples in assuming control of the delivery of services at the pace and in the ways they choose, including access and maintenance to land tenure systems such as the Indian Land Registry System (ILRS) and the First Nations Land Registry System (FNLRS) to record property interests in First Nations lands. |
| Internal Boundary | Internal boundaries mark the limits of the parcels inside a jurisdictional area, for examples the internal boundaries of a First Nation reserve. |
| Jurisdictional Boundary | With regard to land, a jurisdictional boundary is a boundary between two domains that have separate jurisdictions over land administration. For surveys of Canada Lands, jurisdictional boundaries include the boundaries of Indian Reserves, National Parks, and Settlement Lands in the territories. The boundary of a road vested in a province through an Indian Reserve or National Park is a jurisdictional boundary. |
| Keyword | Allows searching with keywords in the Canada Lands Survey System. The keyword search only applies to documents title and description. |
| Land Description | A description of the extent and location of a parcel defined using survey plans or any other documents. |
| Land Registry | A land registry is a set of records that anyone can search to find out what ownership, leases, permits and other interests may apply to a parcel of land. |
| Land Surveys | Regulated expertise that incorporates technical, procedural and legal aspects related to determining, describing and demarcating property and administrative boundaries. Also referred to as Boundary Surveys, Cadastral Surveys, and Legal Surveys. |

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|---|---|
| Legal Surveys | Regulated expertise that incorporates technical, procedural and legal aspects related to determining, describing and demarcating property and administrative boundaries. Also refer to as Boundary Surveys, Land Surveys, and Cadastral Surveys. |
| Lot | Normally one of a series of parcels comprising a subdivision of a townsite used to define the extent of land ownership or other exclusive use of land. |
| Mapping Product | Maps and plans other than survey plans can be registered in the Canada Lands Survey System. Such mapping products do not create boundaries. |
| Mineral Claim Surveys | Surveys whose purpose is to define boundaries of subsurface interest for lease purposes in the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. |
| Municipal Boundary | In the Canada Lands Survey System, refers to official extent of the community boundary as defined by territorial legislation. |
| National Park | In the Canada Lands Survey System, refers to Canada's National Parks included in Canada Lands definition. |
| Natural Boundary | A boundary defined by a natural feature, such as a water boundary, a watershed line, or a ridge line. |
| Not Applicable | The Not applicable filter can be used to search for items such as : Cancelled plans, Compiled plans – Where field notes only, Diaries, Sketches, NTS Map sheets, Display posters, Some Legal descriptions, Reports (non-survey), Mapping products, etc. |
| Official Plan | A plan confirmed by the Surveyor General under Section 29 of the Canada Lands Surveys Act. Boundaries defined by the monuments shown on the Official Plan become the true boundary lines. This type of plan is generally used for jurisdictional boundaries. |
| Oil and Gas Wells and Facilities | Limited right areas representing the spatial extent of an oil and gas well site or facilities. |
| Oil and Gas Right of way | See Right-of-Way. |
| Parcel | An area of land, usually surveyed, regardless of dimensions, that is capable of being used to define the extent of land ownership or other exclusive use of land. It includes, but is not limited to, lots, blocks, subdivisions, roads, highways, rights-of ways, condominium units, air space parcels, etc. A parcel has defined limits, known as boundaries. |
| Parcel Designator | The name of the Land Parcel shown on legal survey documents, which usually includes the lot number. |

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|---|--|
| Parcel Identification Number (PIN) | Unique numbers (usually 7 to 9 digits) automatically generated by the survey system and the land registry system for a parcel based on the land description. Different PIN numbers can be assigned to a parcel, for example a Natural Resources Canada PIN in the Canada Lands Survey System and a Indigenous Services Canada PIN in the Indian Land Registry System. The parcels may also have been assigned an existing PIN, the same number in both systems. |
| Plan | See Survey Plan. |
| Plan and Field Notes | Survey plan and field notes combined under one plan. |
| Plan Number | Number given to the plan in the Canada Lands Survey System. This number can be a Canada Lands Survey Records plan (for example 106523 CLSR) or a Regional Survey plan (for example 5233 RSQ in the province of Quebec). |
| Project Number | Project number issued by the Surveyor General Branch is made of the year, the operating area and a sequential number (for example, 201912052, opened in Saskatchewan in 2019). |
| Protected Area | Protected lands as a result of the public interest or common good. In the Canada Lands Survey System, these areas can include habitat, wilderness areas and other special management areas. |
| Quad | A division of land used in the territories and defined by the National Topographic System (NTS) Quads sheets, which divide areas in a systematic pattern and allows parcels to be given a unique Parcel Identifier in the Canada Lands Survey System. |
| Reference and Index Document | Reference and Index Documents are used for documents that are not survey documents. For the most part, they will be documents prepared for a client or for internal office use, which could have the purpose of assisting with planning or depicting various situational information. For example, index maps could be used by office staff to track instruments and land transfers on a reserve. Mapping prepared for requests and projects would also fall into this category as these items would be recorded in the CLSR at that time. |
| Registration Plan | A Registration Plan is a type of administrative plan. The registration plan is no longer a product used since 2015. It is a graphical description of the boundaries prepared from information contained in existing documents, field notes of survey, controlled aerial photographs or maps and from information found in land transaction documents. |
| Related Plan | Allows searching with a plan number to find all the plans or documents associated with it. |
| Report | See Survey Report. |
| Right-of-Way | A parcel, corridor, or other physical tract of land used for the passage of people, vehicles, or materials such as oil and gas, electricity, telecommunications, or water. |
| Road and Railroad | Allows searching for surveys whose purpose is to create roads or railroads in the Canada Lands Survey System. |

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| Settlement Land Claim | Allows searching in the Canada Lands Survey System for survey documents related to lands transferred to aboriginal groups in accordance with the provisions of land claim settlement legislation as well as lands created under Comprehensive Land Claims Process that do not or will not have Indian Reserve status under the <i>Indian Act</i> . |
| Site Plan | Plan showing the property “as it is built” or “as-built” at a particular point in time. |
| Subdivision | Action of dividing a piece of land into two or more parcels or lots. Within the Canada Lands Survey System, subdivisions are used in the Yukon to identify parcels of land. |
| Survey Fabric | Survey fabric, also known as cadastral fabric, cadastral datasets or digital cadastral data are amalgamations of all the parcels and plan information. This amalgamation can be used to support planning and management, but should not be used for defining boundaries. |
| Survey Plan | A plan that defines boundaries and parcels of land. A survey plan is used to describe one or more parcels. There are different types of Canada Lands survey plans: administrative plans, compiled plans, explanatory plans, official plans and registration plans. |
| Survey Plan Search | The Survey Plan Search is a text-based search tool for all current and historical records in the Canada Lands Survey System. |
| Survey Project Search | The Survey Project Search is a text-based search tool for in-progress survey projects in the Canada Lands Survey System. |
| Survey Records | In the Canada Lands Survey System, survey records are the legal survey documents (plans, field notes, reports, etc.). |
| Survey Report | In the Canada Lands Survey System, a survey report is used when more information or documentation is required than that shown on the submitted plans and/or field notes. |
| Survey Sketch | Drawing or plan which purpose is to present a sketch of an area. Some sketches are recorded in the CLSR but are not approved or confirmed by the Surveyor General. |
| Surveyor | The surveyor makes the connection between the description of the land as presented on paper or in the digital world and the reality in the field. |
| Surveyor General Branch (SGB) | The Surveyor General Branch includes the Surveyor General and his employees. The Surveyor General has the legal responsibility, subject to the direction of the Minister of Natural Resources, to manage all surveys on Canada Lands and to maintain all the original plans, journals, field notes and other documents connected with those surveys. |

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| Surveyor General Branch Regional Office | <p>The regional structure of SGB allows to be responsive to the needs of people working with the Canada Lands Survey System. To contact your Surveyor General Branch Regional Office :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Regional Office • Atlantic Regional Office • British Columbia Regional Office • Manitoba Regional Office • Northwest Territories Regional Office • Nunavut Regional Office • Ontario Regional Office • Quebec Regional Office • Saskatchewan Regional Office • Yukon Regional Office |
| Surveys In Progress | Survey work currently underway. |
| Township | A land division system used in Canada that divides up the lands into sections of one square mile on township plans. The Canada Lands Survey System allows searching for township information throughout the prairie provinces. |
| Water Boundary | A boundary of an upland parcel bounded by a body of water. It can be the water's edge, the vegetation edge, the mean high water mark (MHWM), the ordinary high water mark (OHWM), the mean low water mark (MLWM), or ad medium filum (amf). |
| Zoning and Land Use | Allows searching for surveys whose purpose is to create zoning and land use in the Canada Lands Survey System. |