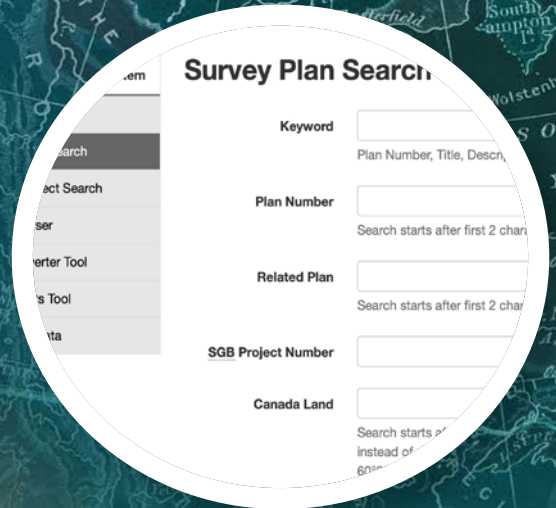




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GETTING STARTED – WHICH TOOL SHOULD YOU USE?

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 the **Survey Plan Search**.

With the Survey Plan Search, you can find, view, and download survey documents for 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 Plan 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 Plan Search: You can open the Survey Plan Search English version using a web browser of your choice: Microsoft Edge, Google's Google Chrome, or the Mozilla Foundation's Firefox:

<https://clss.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/clss/plan/search-recherche>

TIP:

For definitions of unfamiliar terms, refer to the glossary on page 22.



HOW TO USE SURVEY PLAN SEARCH

Canada Lands Survey System
Survey Standards
Survey Plan Search
Survey Project Search
Map Browser
Grid Converter Tool
Well Offsets Tool
Cadastral Data

Survey Plan Search

Keyword
Plan Number, Title, Description

Search for text found in the title or plan description. For example, Lot 2, Road, School, etc.

Plan Number
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

The exact plan number must be entered here. A dropdown list of options will be provided to choose from.

Related Plan
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Search with a cross reference plan number such as a provincial land title office plan or another plan in the CLSR.

SGB Project Number

A Surveyor General Branch (SGB) Project Number is given to each project undertaken by a Canada Land surveyor. Enter this number to find any plans created under this project.

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"

Enter the name of the Reserve, territory, or National or Historic Park.

Surveyor
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Search by the surveyor's name

Surveyed From

Search by date that the plans was either surveyed or recorded.

Surveyed To

Recorded From

Recorded To

Filter Search

- By province or territory
- By survey plan type
- By survey plan purposes

- ▶ Filter search by province or territory
- ▶ Filter search by survey plan type
- ▶ Filter search by survey plan purposes

Click

TIP:

To conduct a search, enter information into one or more of the following fields, and then click Search. All of the fields are meant to work together, therefore entering information into as many fields as possible will help return the appropriate results. It is strongly recommended that the Canada Land field be used when possible. Avoid entering too much detail, as an error in entry will limit the returns.

Filter search:

- Using the dropdown menus, check the box next to the filters you wish to use to refine your search.

▼ Filter search by province or territory

Province/Territory

<input type="checkbox"/> ALBERTA	<input type="checkbox"/> NUNAVUT
<input type="checkbox"/> BRITISH COLUMBIA	<input type="checkbox"/> ONTARIO
<input type="checkbox"/> MANITOBA	<input type="checkbox"/> CANADA'S OFFSHORE AREA
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW BRUNSWICK	<input type="checkbox"/> PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
<input type="checkbox"/> NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR	<input type="checkbox"/> QUEBEC
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVA SCOTIA	<input type="checkbox"/> SASKATCHEWAN
<input type="checkbox"/> NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	<input type="checkbox"/> YUKON

▼ Filter search by survey plan type

Type

<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD NOTES	<input type="checkbox"/> PLAN & FIELD NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/> MAPPING PRODUCTS	<input type="checkbox"/> REPORTS
<input type="checkbox"/> PLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> SKETCH

▼ Filter search by survey plan purposes

Purpose

<input type="checkbox"/> BOUNDARY SURVEYS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARCELS
<input type="checkbox"/> CONDOMINIUM SURVEYS	<input type="checkbox"/> REFERENCE AND INDEX DOCUMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTROL SURVEYS	<input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT OF WAYS
<input type="checkbox"/> EASEMENTS (TERRITORIES)	<input type="checkbox"/> ROADS AND RAILROADS
<input type="checkbox"/> MINERAL CLAIM SURVEYS	<input type="checkbox"/> SETTLEMENT LAND CLAIMS
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> SITE PLANS, AS-BUILTS
<input type="checkbox"/> OIL AND GAS RIGHT OF WAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> TOWNSHIP PLANS
<input type="checkbox"/> OIL AND GAS WELLS AND FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZONING AND LAND USE



HOW TO READ YOUR RESULTS

Entering information into the fields and clicking **Search** will take you to the Survey Plan Search Results page. A search will return a list of plans ordered by plan number. Click on the plan you want to consult. A page will open and you will have more information about that plan. You will also have access to the plan and to all documents related to that plan.

Survey Plan Search Results

Results 1 - 3 of 3

Plan Number	Related Documents	Surveyor	Title	Canada Land
108731 CLSR ON	95022 CLSR ON 95612 CLSR ON FB42805 CLSR ON	DAVID S. URSO	PLAN OF SURVEY OF LOTS 37-1 AND 37-2, NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10, DISTRICT OF NIPISSING, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
107314 CLSR ON	T417 CLSR ON	DAVID S. URSO	PLAN OF SURVEY OF LOT 96 TO 151 INCLUSIVE AND LOT 196 (ROAD), YELLECK SUBDIVISION - PHASE 3, NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10, DISTRICT OF NIPISSING, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
FB42805 CLSR ON	108731 CLSR ON	DAVID S. URSO	SURVEY REPORT, PARCEL SURVEY LOT 37 (UNSUBDIVIDED TERRITORY [06152]), NIPISSING RESERVE NO. 10 (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)

Clicking on the Plan Number link will take you to the Survey Plan Details page, where you can download the plan using the provided link.

Results 1 - 3 of 3

The Survey Plan Details page shows:

Survey Plan Details

Details

Plan Number	107314 CLSR ON
Title	PLAN OF SURVEY OF LOT 96 TO 151 INCLUSIVE AND LOT 196 (ROAD), YELLECK SUBDIVISION - PHASE 3, NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10, DISTRICT OF NIPISSING, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO (eng; CAN)
Description	
Surveyor	DAVID S. URSO (1093)
Canada Lands	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
Date Surveyed	2017-09-01
Date Entered	2018-07-04
Project Number	201714107

This is the plan number.

This is the title of the plan, which provides a description of the location of the survey.

This is the name of the surveyor who completed the survey.

These dates indicate when the survey was completed, and when it was recorded in the CLSR.

Clicking on this link will take you to the CLSS Map Browser window that shows the parcel.

Clicking on this link will take you to the Survey Project Details window.

Related Documents

Filter items Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries | Show 10 entries

Document Type	Related Number	Remarks
ASSOCIATED NUMBER	T417 CLSR ON	UNDERLYING

1

Some plans have related documents that could refer to another plan in the CLSS collection.

Plan Images and/or Fieldbooks

Filter items Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries | Show 10 entries

File Name	File Size	Last Modified Date	File Format
107314CLSRON.pdf	12.43MB	2018-07-11	PDF

1

Click on File Name to download a PDF of the plan, which can then be viewed and/or printed.

The arrows beside File Name, File Size, Last Modified Date, File Format allow you to change the order the results are presented in.



SEARCH EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1: You want to find a survey plan that was registered last year in Nipissing. This is the only detail that you remember.

Survey Plan Search

Keyword
Plan Number, Title, Description

Plan Number
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Related Plan
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

SGB Project 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"

Surveyor
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Surveyed From

Surveyed To

Recorded From

Recorded To

▶ Filter search by province or territory

▶ Filter search by survey plan type

▶ Filter search by survey plan purposes

Click

If a search is done using the Reserve Name only, the Nipissing search will return 358 results.

Adding the **Surveyed From** and **Surveyed To** dates for 2019 will make it easier to find the plan.

A search using the Reserve Name and the dates returns this result, which shows one plan and a survey report:

Survey Plan Search Results

Results 1 - 2 of 2

Plan Number	Related Documents	Surveyor	Title	Canada Land
108731 CLSR ON	95022 CLSR ON 95612 CLSR ON FB42805 CLSR ON	DAVID S. URSO	PLAN OF SURVEY OF LOTS 37-1 AND 37-2, NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10, DISTRICT OF NIPISSING, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
FB42805 CLSR ON	108731 CLSR ON	DAVID S. URSO	SURVEY REPORT, PARCEL SURVEY LOT 37 (UNSUBDIVIDED TERRITORY [06152]), NIPISSING RESERVE NO. 10 (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)

Plan

Fieldbook

Results 1 - 2 of 2



SEARCH EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 2: You want to visualize plan number 76023 CLSR. This is the most direct and easiest way to find a plan when you know the plan number you are looking for.

Survey Plan Search

Keyword
Plan Number, Title, Description

Plan Number
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Enter the plan number here, and click **Search**.

This search will return this result:

Survey Plan Search Results

Results 1 - 1 of 1

Plan Number	Related Documents	Surveyor	Title	Canada Land
76023 CLSR ON	MISC403 LRO36 ON	MILLER, R.D.	LOTS 103 TO 131 & ROADS, GARDEN VILLAGE (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)

Click on the survey plan number to open the detail page.

Results 1 - 1 of 1

Review the information provided to make sure this is the plan you are looking for. Who is the surveyor? What is it about? Is this the correct land?




Survey Plan Details

Details

Plan Number	76023 CLSR ON
Title	LOTS 103 TO 131 & ROADS, GARDEN VILLAGE (eng; CAN)
Description	ITEM: 13-89
Surveyor	MILLER, R.D. ()
Canada Lands	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
Date Surveyed	1990-02-09
Date Entered	2002-11-01
Project Number	

Related Documents





Filter items Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries | Show **10** entries

Document Type 	Related Number 	Remarks 
ALTERNATE NUMBER	MISC403 LRO36 ON	

1

Plan Images and/or Fieldbooks

Filter items Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries | Show **10** entries

File Name 	File Size 	Last Modified Date 	File Format 
76023.tif	213.53KB	2005-06-24	TIF
76023CLSRON.PDF	3.51MB	2016-11-28	PDF

Click on the PDF plan number to download and open the plan.

1



SEARCH EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 3: You want to find any survey plan in Nipissing First Nation for which a road was surveyed, but you do not know exactly what plan you are looking for. If you are searching for one road in particular, you will have to review the list and look at several plans before finding the exact road you are looking for. Use the keyword search.

Survey Plan Search

Keyword Enter the Keyword "road" here.
Plan Number, Title, Description

Plan Number
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Related Plan
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

SGB Project Number

Canada Land Enter the Reserve Name here.
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"

Surveyor
Search starts after first 2 characters typed.

Surveyed From

Surveyed To

Recorded From

Recorded To

▶ Filter search by province or territory

▶ Filter search by survey plan type

▶ Filter search by survey plan purposes

Click

TIP:

The word entered in the Keyword field **must** appear in the **title** or **description** of the document in order to return the desired result.

Review the information to find the specific road you are looking for:

Survey Plan Search Results

This search returns 34 results.

Results 1 - 20 of 34

1 2 Next →

Plan Number	Related Documents	Surveyor	Title	Canada Land
107314 CLSR ON	T417 CLSR ON	DAVID S. URSO	PLAN OF SURVEY OF LOT 96 TO 151 INCLUSIVE AND LOT 196 (ROAD), YELLECK SUBDIVISION - PHASE 3, NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10, DISTRICT OF NIPISSING, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
101681 CLSR ON	FB39723 CLSR ON	URSO, D.S.	LOT 210 (ROAD), GARDEN VILLAGE SUBDIVISION DISTRICT OF NIPISSING (eng; CAN)	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)
98700 CLSR ON	99545 CLSR ON N8169607 LRO36 ON FB38825 CLSR ON FB35573 CLSR ON 90680 CLSR ON	URSO, D.S.	RESURVEY OF LOT 302 (PART OF ORIGINAL 20.117M ROAD ALLOWANCE IN FRONT OF INDIAN WOOD LOT, SURRENDERED NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10) AND LOT 303 (PART OF THE INDIAN	NIPISSING INDIAN RESERVE NO. 10 (06152)

Each result contains the word "road".



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

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 dataset, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 CLSS 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.

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.