

TOWN OF PROVOST

POLICY #025
Amended: January 16, 2018

LAND SERVICES POLICY

BACKGROUND

The Town of Provost often receives requests to perform various services as they pertain to land within the town. These services included such requests as:

1. finding the location of survey pins;
2. marking of survey pins;
3. production of compliance/certification letters;
4. real property reports.

The establishment of the location of survey pins or issuance of a certification letter may be used by people for legal purposes and the exact location is often critical.

According to the Land Surveys Act - Alberta, "no person except an Alberta Land Surveyor, surveyor's corporation or surveyor's partnership shall engage in the practice of land surveying..." and that "everything done in the practice of land surveying shall be done by or under the supervision, direction and control of a practitioner."

The "practice of land surveying" means the survey of land, air space, lakes, rivers or watercourses to determine or establish boundaries or anything relative to a boundary for the purpose of certifying its locations.

The Town of Provost does not have qualified personnel who are trained in surveying to be competently providing these locations and this could leave the Town of Provost open to being legally responsible in case of a mistake. Further the Town of Provost may be in contravention of the Land Surveys Act if we provide this type of service.

POLICY

1. The Town of Provost shall refuse to provide for the locating and marking of any survey pins on properties within the Town of Provost.
2. The Town of Provost shall refuse to issue compliance or certification letters purporting to establish boundaries or anything relative to a boundary.
3. The Town of Provost shall advise anyone making a request for location of survey pins or compliance/certification letters that they should be contacting an Alberta Land Surveyor for provision of these services.
4. This policy shall be subject to reviewed December 31, 2021 unless reviewed prior to that date.