

2010 Northern Group Fall Meeting

September 13th, 2010

AGENDA

Location: Summit Room
Coast Inn of the North
770 Brunswick Street, Prince George, BC
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Introduction: 8:30 – 9:00am

- Welcome/Introductions
 - Review Agenda
 - Review and adopt Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 minutes
 - Treasurer's Report
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Meeting Topics: 9:00 – 12:00

Traveling Board Items:

- Review of Business Plan
- Financial Future of the Association

General Updates/Discussion:

- OGAA Update – Bryan Bates
- Proposed Motion – Creation of 2 Northern Groups(see attachment 1)
- Forest Fires/Provincial Cadastre(see attachment 2)

New Business:

- Nominations/Election of new Treasurer
- Induction of new Chair

Working Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00

- Served in the Summit Room

CPD Session: 1:00 – 4:00

- -- *Intro to Coaching/Mentoring and Team Building Within Your Business* --
(see attachment 3)
 - Presenter: Robyn Guidon of Fort St John
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- Refreshments and lunch will be available during the meeting.

- Fall 2010 Meeting Fees -- \$20.00
 - Northern Group Dues -- \$40.00
 - CPD Session -- \$56.00 HST incl.
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Motion:

That the Northern Group of BC land surveyors be split into the North Central Group and the North East Group.

Reasons:

- Tilma is changing the locations from which BCLS practice
- There are presently nine BCLS in Calgary and growing
- There is one BCLS in Edmonton
- There are two BCLS in Grande Prairie
- There are thirty one BCLS in Fort St. John
- There are three BCLS in Dawson Creek
- Land surveyors working in the oil and gas sector, who represent the largest majority in the Northern Group will be better served with one meeting centrally located in Edmonton and another in Fort St. John

Secunder: (if no seconder the motion could not proceed to discussion)

Discussion:

From a logistical and practical perspective, considering the kinds of practice of the surveyors within the Northern Group, it makes most sense to split the Northern Group into two groups, the North Central Group and the North East Group. The North East Group could have a spring and fall meeting between Fort St. John and Edmonton. The North Central group could meet in Usk and Decker Lake, or any other strategically ineffective locations.

The North East Group could meet between Fort St. John and Edmonton, having a fall meeting in Edmonton. Edmonton is centrally located for the oil and gas surveyors in the North East Group and is easy and economical to travel to for the board. For the Board traveling to Edmonton there are direct and economical flights from Victoria or Vancouver to Edmonton on a daily basis. Economical air travel is also available between Grande Prairie and Edmonton. I am sure that wives or partners of surveyors in the north east would also appreciate an opportunity to travel to Edmonton before winter and Christmas.

I look forward to reading the minutes of your meeting regarding this discussion.

Forest Fires and Preservation of the Provincial Cadastre

Discussion Topic: The Province should put a portion of the Forest Fire Fighting budget into the maintenance and restoration of the Cadastral Fabric.

Background:

Both BCLSs and the Province have a mandate to preserve and maintain the Cadastre of the Province. Due to the current wildfires burning throughout the Southern Okanagan and Central Interior of the province i.e. Kamloops, Williams Lake, Quesnel and Prince George, a massive amount of the provincial cadastral fabric has been affected. One fire alone, just southwest of the City of Prince George, named the Pelican Lake Complex, has to date burned over 46,000 ha of private and crown land. Fires burning in the Williams Lake area have burned over 500km².

Objective:

We put forward that the Province should put a portion of the fire fighting budget, i.e. 1%, into the maintenance and restoration of the cadastral fabric of Surveyed Crown Land after a wildfire of substantial size has burned through. The area should be analyzed, after a wildfire has gone through, to see if a large majority of the cadastral fabric has potentially been destroyed. Once it is safe to do so, survey crews should be allowed to go into an area to see if they can find remnants of the original evidence, i.e. bearing trees, cut lines, old posts etc. in an attempt to salvage the cadastral evidence. By doing the surveys as soon after the fire as possible, it would allow the restoration of the fabric before too much time has passed and the evidence is lost forever.

-- Intro to Coaching/Mentoring and Team Building Within Your Business --

Robyn Guidon is a dedicated Coach who brings experience from the social services, management and psychology fields. She has years of work motivating individuals to be their personal best and through her management experience has seen how each individual plays an important and integral role to their team. Robyn has turned her individual and management experience into a strong desire to work with companies to develop solid teams and an individual's motivation and personal responsibility to that team.

Robyn will be speaking for the afternoon introducing the world of coaching, mentorship and team dynamics. Purpose of seminar is to inform business owners and managers of the available services that can improve functionality within one's office.

Coaching is an effective process which pulls together the most successful practices and techniques developed in fields as diverse as organizational development and management, peak performance training, human resources, and clinical psychology and when paired with successful team dynamic can lead a business and its key players to a new professional and financial level.