

Practice Advisory Notice

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The Board issued Practice Advisory Bulletin Number 97-1 as part of CL1/97 on January 23, 1997. In addition to comments on Bylaw 10(m), the Bulletin dealt with the following item:

OFFICIAL MONUMENTATION AT LOT CORNERS:

A member posed the following question to the board; “Should B. C. Land Surveyors be allowed to set anything less than official monumentation to mark property lines or property corners, and prepare Plans showing the same?” In the opinion of the board, property corners should be monumented or witnessed with official posts only, while property lines that have official posts at each end may be marked with non standard posts. Plan requirements are according to existing regulations. This advisory does not apply to “Block Outline Surveys”.

It has come to the attention of the Practice Advisory Department and the Practice Advisory Panel, that it is the practice of some members to set non-standard posts at property corners and imply that they are set to a lesser standard of accuracy and therefore at a reduced cost to the client. Cost savings arise by avoiding filing a Posting Plan, avoiding the expense of following the requirements of the GSI Rules (such as integration) and decreasing the scope of the survey because statutory accuracy is not required, only a probable location within some perceived acceptable circle of error. The public has a right to expect that any post set by a British Columbia Land Surveyor that purports to be a corner, has been correctly placed on the corner. British Columbia Land Surveyors have a duty to maintain the cadastre and preferably to continually upgrade its fabric. Therefore this Practice Advisory Notice provides as follows:

Property corners shall be monumented with official posts only, while property lines that have official posts at each end may be marked with non standard posts. Plan requirements are according to existing regulations.

Photographic examples follow:

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Guard Post with rebar



Spike and lath marked Property Corner