

Pricing of Survey Records

A “Survey Record” is defined under Section 4 (1) of the *Surveys Act* as:

Paper or electronic data prepared or captured in the course of performing a field survey, including field notes, sketches made in the field, copies of observations and measurements collected in the field, statements or oaths collected, the reasons for decisions that are related to the survey, and the resulting plan.

Council considers research of other surveyor’s records to be a necessary function when performing boundary surveys and the pricing of these records needs to be reasonable so that fees are not a detriment to performing proper research.

The following bulletins continue to apply:

- AOLS Bulletin 2007-01 “AOLS policy regarding the exchange of Cadastral Survey Records”
- AOLS Bulletin 1982-14 “Research – Field Notes”
- AOLS Bulletin 1988-31 “Lack of Research”

Members are reminded that all their survey records must be indexed and uploaded to the PSRI. It is not warranted for members to charge a fee to search their records.

Council Guidance on Fees

Council recognizes the importance of providing access to survey records in a manner that supports collaboration and professionalism ensuring that proper research can be conducted to uphold the public interest. The pricing of survey records exchanged between professionals should be fair, consistent and transparent.

- For survey record requests, the maximum fee is capped at \$175 per individual survey record (inclusive of any administrative costs or membership fees levied).
- For projects requiring extensive research, (e.g. route surveys) fees should be based on the actual search time with a minimum hourly rate of \$115 per hour.

Council encourages professionals to work collaboratively to ensure that fees for research do not create barriers to completing high-quality work.

Council strongly discourages anti-competitive practices or restricting access to survey records without just cause. Instances of anti-competitive behavior will undermine the shared professional responsibility to uphold the public interest.

These rates will be reviewed every two years by Council and updated accordingly.