

# SURVEY REVIEW DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT - AGM 2017

The Survey Review Department (SRD) operates under the Inspection Program of the Surveyors Act, Regulation 1026, Section (40). The department is totally funded by the sales of the \$16 Plan Submission Form Sticker. Sales from 2009 to 2015 were fairly consistent at about 34,000 stickers per year. This past year we sold 38,340 which is still only 63% of the approximately 61,000 sold per year in the late 1990's. The drop in sales is due to the introduction of title insurance resulting in much fewer requests for Surveyor's Real Property Reports.

The Department's budget for 2016 was \$540,000, we had a revenue of \$620,000. Out of this we pay the salaries of an administrative officer (Sheila Lavina), an assistant examiner (Herman Bernardo), an OLS manager (Tim Hartley), a part time OLS field examiner (Alan Worobec), two OLS Comprehensive Review consultants (Doug Reitsma and Drew Annable), all office expenses and an allocation for use of the facilities and general administration. Of the four OLS's involved three have been on council and two are past presidents.

In 2016 we opened up 62 Comprehensive Reviews. For the past 3 years we averaged 43 Reviews per year, in 2017 we will open about 50. Of the 62 firms we reviewed we did:

- 9 in Southwestern Ontario
- 5 in Hamilton
- 10 in Northeastern Ontario
- 10 in the Georgian Bay area
- 17 in the South Central area
- 8 in Eastern Ontario
- 3 in the Kawartha Haliburton area

These 62 firms equated to 131 field site examinations. As well as the Comprehensive Reviews we completed approximately 240 Systematic Reviews.

We at the Survey Review Department are constantly trying to improve the operation of the department. More of the correspondence with the membership is being done electronically. Each issue of the Ontario Professional Surveyor now has an article written by either Tim Hartley, Doug Reitsma, Drew Annable or Al Worobec about the review process or how to eliminate reoccurring surveying problems that have come to light. I know a review is somewhat subjective, we constantly check each other's work to try and eliminate any bias and to ensure that the department has an educational focus.

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