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The Ontario Association of Architects has met with the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors regarding the use by architects of surveyor's plans.

This Bulletin is for information, but a full report, issued jointly with the Architects' Association, will follow shortly.

TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE:

a) New plans prepared on instruction by owners or by architects on behalf of their clients

b) Contract for service

Plans prepared for all other purposes than (a) above and acquired by architect from his client (third party) or registry or municipal offices, etc.

d) Survey data source acknowledgement

e) Liability (error or omission) for use of plans when: (i) permission is not obtained from the OLS; (ii) when permission is obtained.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

a) White prints shall be sealed by OLS. If a Mylar copy is provided, the signature, signature block and reference to the survey firm shall be removed if the plan is to be physically incorporated in the architect's final drawings.

b) Standardize written contract: price, timetable, description of work, number and types of prints or mylars, ownership of copyright, permissions for use or reproduction and expiry.

c) Architect to obtain permission from surveyor. Possible site inspection and update required.

d) The Architects' Association will develop and issue to its members a statement to be used on all their plans crediting the source of the survey information.

e) Clarification and education of both memberships as to the ramifications of these two situations.

In the meantime, architects may be requesting permission for use of old plans in their possession because their Association is notifying them of the joint study with a similar bulletin. DON'T HESITATE TO INSIST ON A SITE INSPECTION OR UPDATE BEFORE ISSUING WRITTEN PERMISSION. The architect should expect it and advise his client to be prepared to pay a reasonable charge for this service.

-Our Association, along with the Ontario Association of Architects, has entered into a dialogue in order that together they may bring these matters to the attention of their members by each issuing a bulletin simultaneously.