

March 5, 2004

BCAPRA attended a meeting on March 3, 2004

Sustainable Resource Management contracted with Sage Group Management Consultants to:

- Review a new concept for improving provincial land titles services
- Get suggestions on how to improve the concept
- Determine the level of support

The Law Society recommended the concept of an Independent Authority adopting the best features of other authorities such as YVR, BC Ferry and BC Safety.

The Independent Authority would:

- Not be for profit
- Created by provincial legislation
- Have an independent board with trustees (fiduciary)
- Be accountable

#### WHY

Because the Land Title Branch has a:

- 6 day service commitment
- Budget reduction of 35 %

There is currently a 30% increase in service demand. Even though EFS will be working it will not be able to fully offset demand and budget factors.

The implications are:

- Declining user confidence
- Six day service commitment cannot be achieved
- There is no budget increase planned

The objectives would be to:

- Preserve the integrity of the BC Torrens System
- Improve service delivery to land title system users
- Engage expertise not available in government
- Sustain revenue to government

Proposed Board Appointed by:

- Provincial Government – 2
- Law Society – 3
- First Nations – 1
- Society of Notaries – 1
- Corp of Land Surveyors – 1
- Real Estate Association – 1

#### Alternatives to Authority Model

- Continue to operate land title system as part of the government ministry
- Move the service to a for-profit private operator

Sage is consulting with

- First Nations Summit
- Society of Notaries Public of BC
- Corporation of Land Surveyors of BC
- BC Real Estate Association
- Real Estate Council of BC
- Law Society of BC
- Canadian Bar Association – BC Branch
- BC Association of Professional Registry Agents
- Better Business Bureau of Mainland BC
- Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island
- Union of BC Municipalities

Sage will complete a business case and prepare options for Cabinet decision by March 31, 2004.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please email Debbie Larson at [dlarson@dyedurhambc.com](mailto:dlarson@dyedurhambc.com) by March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004.