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BULLETIN NO. 81025	LAND TITLES AND REGISTRY DIVISIONS
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TO: ALL LAND REGISTRARS	O. REGS 550/81 & 551/81 EXPLANATION OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS

Corrections to Bulletin 81024:- (1), Page 1, paragraph 3(a), substitute "wholly" for "partly" and (2), Page 4, column 4, opposite FRONTENAC (No. 13), substitute telephone number "(613) 547-2221" for "(613) 548-8322".

Regulation 554 of Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1970, as amended (Land Titles Divisions) and R.R.O. 1970, Regulation 779, as amended (Registry Divisions) were replaced by Ontario Regulations 1049/80 and 1052/80, effective December 12, 1980.

Subsection 3(1) of The Land Titles Act, R.S.O. 1970, C.234, as re-enacted by Statutes of Ontario 1979, C.93, S.2, was proclaimed in force December 29, 1980, which was also the effective date of a "stopgap" regulation, O. Reg.1015/80.

New comprehensive regulations, which came into force on September 14, 1981, were published in The Ontario Gazette of September 5, 1981 as O. Reg.550/81 (Land Titles Divisions) and O. Reg.551/81 (Registry Divisions) and they, incidentally, revoked O. Regs 1015/80, 1049/80 and 1052/80.

O. Reg.550/81 not only describes the territory within each land titles division, but is the first regulation to specify all the parts of Ontario to which the Land Titles Act applies.

O. Reg.551/81 is the first regulation to describe the territory within each registry division, and is the first legislative list of the registry divisions since Schedule "A" to The Registry Act, R.S.O. 1914, C.124.

While many of the provisions of O. Regs 550/81 and 551/81 specify the records that are to be transferred from one land registry office to another when the boundaries of land titles or registry divisions are altered, these regulations also contain provisions (in section 1 of each) that are essential to the interpretation of the territorial descriptions in column 3 of Schedules A and B in Bulletin 81024. Schedule A is the Schedule to O. Reg.550/81, and Schedule B is the Schedule to O. Reg. 551/80. Appendix A is common to both regulations.

Section 1 of O. Reg.550/81 and section 1 of O. Reg.551/81 are reproduced below.

O. Reg. 550/81.

LAND TITLES DIVISIONS

1.—(1) The Act applies to those parts of the Province described in column 3 of the Schedule.

(2) The land titles divisions named in column 1 of the Schedule are the land titles divisions for the areas described opposite thereto in column 3.

(3) The land registry office for a land titles division named in column 1 of the Schedule is located in the local municipality named opposite thereto in column 2.

(4) A land titles division may be referred to by either the words or by both the words and number set out in column 1 of the Schedule.

(5) Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule,

(a) a reference in the Schedule to a territorial district, geographic township, municipality, regional municipality or metropolitan municipality, is a reference to such territorial district, geographic township, municipality, regional municipality or metropolitan municipality, as it existed on the 31st day of December, 1980;

(b) each land titles division named in column 1 of the Schedule includes all allowances for roads within the land titles division as described in column 3; and

(c) where an allowance for a road forms a boundary of a land titles division, the centre line of the allowance is the boundary of the land titles division.

O. Reg. 551/81.

REGISTRY DIVISIONS

1.—(1) The registry divisions named in column 1 of the Schedule are the registry divisions for the areas described opposite thereto in column 3.

(2) The land registry office for a registry division named in column 1 of the Schedule is located in the local municipality named opposite thereto in column 2 of the Schedule.

(3) A registry division may be referred to by either the words or by both the words and number set out in column 1 of the Schedule.

(4) Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule,

(a) a reference in the Schedule to a territorial district, geographic township, municipality, regional municipality or metropolitan municipality is a reference to such territorial district, geographic township, municipality, regional municipality or metropolitan municipality, as it existed on the 31st day of December, 1980;

(b) each registry division named in column 1 of the Schedule includes all allowances for roads within the registry division as described in column 3; and

(c) where an allowance for a road forms a boundary between registry divisions, the centre line of the allowance is the boundary between the registry divisions.

The following alterations, effected by the new regulations, should be noted:

1. (a) The geographic Townships of Ben Nevis, Bisley, Clifford, Keefer, McEvay, Pontiac, Timmins and Tolstoi; and

    (b) that part of the geographic Township of Benoit, consisting of all of Concessions I, II and III and the south half of Concession IV,

    in the Territorial District of Cochrane, formerly in the Land Titles and Registry Divisions of Timiskaming (No.54), are now in the Land Titles and Registry Divisions of Cochrane (No.6).

2.   That part of the Town of Port Hope, in the County of
      Northumberland, consisting of the westerly 200 feet of
      Lot 35 in Concessions A and I of the geographic Township
      of Hamilton, south of the Canadian Pacific Railway
      right-of-way across the said lot, formerly in the
      Registry Division of Northumberland West (No.39), is
      now in the Registry Division of Port Hope (No.9).

3.   Those parts of the City of Burlington, in the County of
      Halton, consisting of,

      (a) a former portion of the City of Hamilton
          described in subsection 19(1b) of The
          Regional Municipalities Amendment Act, 1980; and

      (b) a former portion of the Township of West Flamborough
          described in subsection 19(1c) of The Regional
          Municipalities Amendment Act, 1980;

      formerly in the Land Titles and Registry Divisions of
      Wentworth (No.62), are now in the Land Titles and
      Registry Divisions of Halton (No.20).

4.   All that part of the King's Highway No.33 across Lot 4
      and the west half of Lot 3 in Concession "A" of the
      Township of Murray, in the County of Northumberland,
      now in the City of Trenton, in the County of Hastings,
      being part of the land described in Schedule "A" to
      Order S.1220 of the Ontario Municipal Board, registered
      as No.67730 for the Township of Murray in the Land Registry
      Office for the Registry Division of Northumberland East
      (No.38), is now in the Land Titles and Registry Divisions
      of Hastings (No.21).   *(As to that part of Murray surrounded
      by Trenton, see the diagram on page 4, below)*.

5.   Those parts of the Town of Carleton Place, in the County
      of Lanark, formerly in the Township of Beckwith in the
      said county, being the land described in Schedule "A"
      to Order M 75268 of the Ontario Municipal Board registered
      as No.64461 in the Land Registry Office for the Registry
      Division of Lanark South (No.27), are now in the Registry
      Division of Lanark North (No.26).

6.   The former Land Titles Division of Kent (Lake Erie) now
      forms part of the Land Titles Division of Elgin (No.11).

Where an area of land to which the Registry Act applies is
withdrawn from one county or district or from a regional or
metropolitan municipality and is included in another, searches
must be made in the offices of both sheriffs for a period of
six years thereafter. See section 32 of the Execution Act,
R.S.O. 1980, C.146 and section 3 of O. Reg.550/81.

It should be noted that the Territorial District of Muskoka consists of The District Municipality of Muskoka and that the Territorial District of Sudbury includes The Regional Municipality of Sudbury.

It should also be noted that a part of the Township of Murray, in the County of Northumberland (and being composed of parts of Lots 3 and 4 in Concession A) which is encircled by the City of Trenton, in the County of Hastings, remains in the Registry Division of Northumberland East (No.38). See the diagram below.

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Shaded area is part of
the Registry Division of
Northumberland East (No. 38)