

**Ministry of Justice** 

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## Registrar of Titles' Order

Recommencement of Mailing of Search Results, Notices and Verifications by the Land Registry and Reconfirmation of Extension of Time to Defend Against a Lapse – Canada Post Labour Disruption

Whereas subsection 15(1) of *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Act* reads as follows:

15(1) Notwithstanding any other Act or law, if, in the opinion of a registry officer or the minister, the circumstances are such that it is not practical to provide one or more registry services or functions, a registry officer or the minister may, by order, suspend all or any registry services or functions for the period during which, in the opinion of the registry officer or the minister, those circumstances prevail.

And whereas subsection 98(1) of *The Land Titles Act*, 2000 reads as follows:

98(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any regulation made pursuant to this Act or any other Act providing for registration in the land registry, if, in the opinion of the Registrar, it is not practical to provide one or more land registry functions, the Registrar may, by order, suspend all or any land registry functions for the period during which, in the opinion of the Registrar, those circumstances prevail.

And whereas at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, land registry services to mail notices verifying registrations pursuant to section 22 of *The Land Titles Regulations, 2001* and to mail search results pursuant to section 53 of *The Land Titles Regulations, 2001* became unavailable due to a labour disruption at Canada Post.

And whereas at 08:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 land registry services to mail notices verifying registrations and to mail search results became available due to conclusion of the Canada Post labour disruption.

Therefore I, Karen Banks, Registrar of Titles, do hereby order:

## 1) Recommencement of Services.

The mailing of search results and of notices verifying registrations in the land registry is hereby recommenced.

## 2) Reconfirmation of extension of time to defend against a lapse of interest.

Where a lapse procedure has been commenced under section 63 of *The Land Titles Act*, 2000, pursuant to subsection 46(6) of *The Land Titles Regulations*, 2001, the 30-day period for interest holders to take action to protect their interest was automatically extended until the end of the Canada Post labour disruption to allow interest holders to obtain and register a court order.

The extension shall be applied to all lapse applications at the time that an application for discharge of the interest sought to be lapsed is received, with the extension equal to the amount of time that the service was suspended, counted from the day disruption commenced on November 15th.

The Registrar may grant additional discretionary time extensions pursuant to subsection 46(6).

## 3) Entry of submissions made by mail into the queue.

On restoration of mail delivery services by Canada Post, submissions that had been mailed will be entered into the queue based on the date that they are received at ISC.

Notice of this order shall be published in the Gazette and be posted to www.isc.ca.

Karen Banks

Registrar of Titles

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Date