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> Land Titles Offices Bureaux de titres fonciers

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Morden Land Titles Titres fonciers Morden 351 rue Stephen Street Morden, MB R6M 1V1

Neepawa Land Titles Titres fonciers Neepawa 329 rue Hamilton Street Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

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Dear Client:

We are pleased to announce the upcoming transfer of The Property Registry (TPR) from the Government of Manitoba to Teranet Manitoba LP effective March 29, 2014.

In accordance with the agreement, the Land Titles Offices and the Personal Property Registry will continue to operate in all the same office locations and will continue to provide all the same services. Work underway on the Client Service Improvement Initiative (CSI) will carry on to deliver a more convenient and faster electronic registration and search system. Most of The Property Registry employees you have come to know will keep working for TPR and will continue to assist you with all of your transactions and registrations. We aim to provide a seamless transition.

There are a few changes that will come into effect on March 29, 2014:

- All cheques for Land Titles services and registrations, including Land Transfer Tax will need to be made out to **The Property Registry**. For Personal Property services and registrations, cheques will need to be made out to the **Personal Property Registry**.
- Previously established prepaid deposit accounts with TPR (under the Province) will be transferred to TPR (Teranet Manitoba LP) and available for your use. If you would like to set up a new deposit account please contact Evelyn Vargas, Revenue Supervisor at (204) 945-6524 or via email at <u>Evelyn.Vargas@gov.mb.ca</u>.
- A new Office of the Registrar-General (ORG) will be created in government to oversee The Property Registry's systems and to ensure that service levels are maintained.

Please see the attached important information fact sheet which provides additional details on TPR's governance, new processes, who to contact, and information on the ORG. Please ensure this letter and attachment is communicated to all necessary people in your organization.

We are confident this transfer will have little, if any, impact to our service delivery. We are committed to ensuring your transactions will continue to be processed in a timely and efficient manner. We also commit to keeping you informed as we progress through this transition period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with either Barry Effler or Nancy Anderson through the contact information below.

Yours sincerely,

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### Important Information about The Property Registry

Under the terms of the agreement between the Province of Manitoba and Teranet Manitoba LP, a new entity headquartered in Winnipeg, has been granted an exclusive 30-year licence to operate The Property Registry's Personal Property and Land Titles registries on behalf of the Province of Manitoba. Teranet Manitoba LP will carry on business as The Property Registry (TPR). The Land Title and Personal Property Registry data continues to be owned by the Province.

The effective date of transfer is March 29, 2014.

Most of The Property Registry employees who you have come to know will continue to work for TPR and will continue to assist you with all of your transactions and registrations.

# Who will be The Property Registry's Statutory Officers and what will be their roles?

Donna Woroniak	Registrar, Personal Property Registry
Craig Russell Blair Johnston	District Registrar, Brandon Land Titles Office District Registrar, Dauphin Land Titles Office
Maureen Terra	District Registrar, Morden Land Titles Office
Elizabeth Sims Pending	District Registrar, Neepawa Land Titles Office District Registrar, Portage la Prairie Land Titles Office
Russell Davidson	District Registrar, Winnipeg Land Titles Office
Joseph Imbrogno	Deputy District Registrar, Winnipeg Land Titles Office
Irvine Simmonds	Deputy District Registrar, Winnipeg Land Titles Office
Paul Burtnick	Acting Examiner of Surveys
Cas Manitowich	Deputy Examiner of Surveys
Selwyn Sanderson	Deputy Examiner of Surveys

**The Registrar of the Personal Property Registry** supervises the Registry to ensure that there is an accurate and accessible record of registered security interests in personal property.

**District Registrars** are responsible for their respective districts and will maintain their legal authority. We encourage our clients to continue to consult with the District/Deputy District Registrars as their primary point of contact for legal questions related to property registration.

**The Examiner of Surveys** provides professional survey expertise and advice in Land Titles procedures, survey law, legal descriptions, provincial acts and regulations affecting the survey profession, accepted professional practices and land titles procedures as they relate to the examination and registration of survey plans and documents in The Property Registry.



#### Who are the members of The Property Registry's executive management team?

Nancy Anderson	General Manager
Cecilia Antonio	Director, Information Technology
Paul Burtnick	Acting Examiner of Surveys
Russell Davidson	Senior District Registrar
Grant Kernested	Director, Finance
Maureen Terra	Executive Sponsor, Client Service Improvement Initiative
Donna Woroniak	Registrar, Personal Property Registry

#### Will the process for registration, examination and acceptance change?

No, the process will remain the same. Clients should continue to rely on our Land Titles Guide and Frequently Asked Questions for information.

Land Titles Guide: http://www.gov.mb.ca/tpr/land titles/lto offices/land titles guide/land titles guide.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.gov.mb.ca/tpr/land\_titles/lto\_offices/docs/faq.pdf

#### Will the process for fiating Debentures change?

Yes, they no longer need to be fiated by the Registrar-General or the Deputy Registrar-General in Winnipeg. They can now be sent directly to the appropriate District Office for fiating and registration.

Specific details on the process and requirements for debentures can be found in our Land Titles Guide online at: <u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/tpr/land\_titles/lto\_offices/land\_titles\_guide/land\_titles\_guide.pdf</u>

#### Do I continue to make my cheques payable to the Minister of Finance?

No, as of March 29, 2014 all cheques for Land Titles services and registrations, including Land Transfer Tax need to be made out to **The Property Registry**. For Personal Property services and registrations, cheques need to be made out to the **Personal Property Registry**.

#### Will the process for assurance fund submissions change?

No, applications will continue to be made to the Registrar-General as outlined in s. 169.1 of *The Real Property Act*.

#### Will the processes for Land Transfer Tax refunds change?

No, please continue to request refunds at the appropriate Land Titles Office.



#### Will the process for a notice of protest change?

No, please continue to file your notice at the appropriate Land Titles Office.

# Will there be any changes to registrations and searches in the Personal Property Registry?

No, all services will continue without change.

#### Who is the Registrar-General and what is the role of their Office?

Barry Effler will continue on as the Registrar-General.

A new Office of the Registrar-General (ORG) will be created in government to provide general oversight of the land and personal property registry systems. The Office will become operational on March 29, 2014.

The Registrar-General will also:

- Hear applications for claims for compensation from The Assurance Fund related to an interest in land.
- Establish rules of practice including those regarding mortgage sale and foreclosure proceedings.
- Approve the forms to be used in the land registration system and the Personal Property Registry.
- Decide matters referred by someone dissatisfied with an act or omission of a District Registrar or the Examiner of Surveys.

Additional information on the ORG can be found online at: Manitoba.ca/registrar-general/

#### How do I contact the Office of the Registrar-General?

Phone: (204) 945-0300 Email: <u>Registrar-General@gov.mb.ca</u>

#### Who to contact...

For matters related to client service and the general operation of The Property Registry:

Nancy Anderson at (204) 945-0445 or Nancy.Anderson@gov.mb.ca

### For appeals related to a decision of a District Registrar, the Examiner of Survey or the Registrar of the Personal Property Registry:

Barry Effler at (204) 945-0300 or Barry.Effler@gov.mb.ca

