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From: [Fred Hutchinson](#)

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Subject: Property

Dear Mr. XXXX:

The new land titles program is under the authority of the Land Registration Act which can be viewed by visiting statutes at www.gov.ns.ca . The concern that land surveyors have is the fact that some lawyers are altering property descriptions to correct what they feel are errors or omissions in the existing written property description. Some descriptions are also being altered to enclose areas of adjacent properties that are being claimed by possession. Land surveyors feel that when such changes are made, then it should be with the support of a boundary survey or field inspection by the surveyor to ensure the protection of the owner migrating their property into the new system as well as all the adjacent properties.

If you have a particular concern, I may be able to address your question in greater detail but it is a very broad subject and involves more than 550,000 properties in Nova Scotia of which 120,000 are now in the system. The new system is not a great deal different than the existing Registry of Deeds office other than just about everything will be done in digital form. Transfers of title, deeds, mortgages and survey plans will all be available via the Internet. The traditional vault containing all the deed books and plans will be replaced by a computer terminal with the hard copies archived.

Hope this helps. You can also visit

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/property/default.asp?mn=282.46.1064> , however, to actually "enter property online" you need to pay a monthly subscription fee or visit your local Registry of Deeds office.

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